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# LOVREN: I WAS RIGHT TO SNUB CHELSEA

## *Saints defender has no regrets over turning down Blues deal*

**DEJAN Lovren returns to action at Chelsea four years after turning down a move to Stamford Bridge.**

Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti came calling midway through the 2009/10 season but Lovren (pictured), then a raw 20-year-old, decided to leave Dynamo Zagreb for Lyon instead.

"It was real contact but I thought it would be much easier for me to play at Lyon at this time with [John] Terry and [Ricardo] Carvalho [at Chelsea]," said Lovren, who was given conflicting advice from his Zagreb teammate, Igor Biscan.

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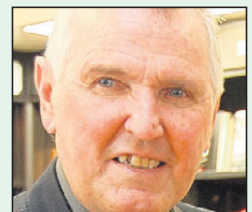


"Biscan was my idol from his time with Liverpool, it was great to play with him and he told me to go the Premier League when I was choosing between Chelsea and Lyon.

"But I think it was the right decision. If I signed for Chelsea maybe I was sitting on the bench and what was the point.

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## Lukaku 'would extend Everton loan'

ON-LOAN forward Romelu Lukaku will seek a second season at Everton if Roberto Martinez's side claim Champions League football.

The 20-year-old Belgium international admitted he has a "strange" situation with his parent club Chelsea and claims he has not heard from anyone at the Stamford Bridge outfit for months.

Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho this week challenged Lukaku to explain the reasons behind his decision to seek a second successive loan move after spending last season at West Brom.

And the player said he just

wants regular football, to make a name for himself.

"It's a bit strange at the moment, the last time I heard from them was a couple of months ago," Lukaku, right, said. "It was not the fact I was not wanted."

"Imagine I was playing for Chelsea now I would play maybe five games, maybe score one or two goals. But now everyone in England is talking about me."

"I want to help Everton. I admire his (Martinez's) style, everything at the club, and I thought that was the next stage I needed for this year."

"I think we can challenge all

those clubs in the top six.

"I think it's not a bad idea (to stay at Everton for a second season). If we play Champions League then I think so."

"I miss European football a lot. I have to work hard and see what will be the best decision for me at the end of the season."

Lukaku also revealed he wants to become one of the best footballers in the world.

He said: "That's an ambitious statement."

"I know what it takes to be one of the best. It takes a certain mentality on and off the pitch."

"I know what it takes and I'm not scared to say it."



## MOURINHO NOT EXPECTING A CHANGE FROM SAINTS

**CHELSEA manager Jose Mourinho expects Mauricio Pochettino's Southampton to stay true to their style and not park the bus at Stamford Bridge.**

Saints have been the revelation of the Barclays Premier League season with Pochettino at the helm and a free-flowing style which is at odds with many teams who travel to Stamford Bridge and adopt a defensive approach.

"I'm expecting them to play according to their identity," Mourinho said.

"Do we allow them to do that? Do we allow them to play comfortably, the way they like to do it? That's another point."

"But in their minds, I think they'll try to be what they are."

Mourinho dismissed his personal record against Pochettino while the pair were in Spain.

Mourinho's Real Madrid and Pochettino's Espanyol met four times, with the Portuguese's teams winning on each occasion.

"For the good and for the bad, I don't believe in this," Mourinho said.

"My record against him was me as a Real Madrid manager and him as an Espanyol manager."

"If the record was in his favour, it would be a big surprise. For the record to be in favour of a Real Madrid manager is normal."

"He's a very good manager and is doing very well."

When Pochettino replaced Nigel Adkins, it was an unpopular decision, but the former Argentina defender has taken Saints to another level.

Buying well has been key to their progress this term, according to Mourinho.

"When you finish your first season you are much better prepared to understand the needs and the profile of your purchases," Mourinho added.

"He had the possibility this summer to buy adapted to his needs and this is important. He chose well."

"The team is very compact, is very solid and they are doing very, very well."



**HISTORY:** Mauricio Pochettino, left, and Jose Mourinho at a previous encounter.

"Can they finish top four? I think it's very difficult, because it will be difficult for the six title contenders to finish in the top four."

"Imagine for the others that come behind."

"But the team is very, very good and for sure they will have a very good season and for sure the match on Sunday will be a difficult match for us."

"Normally it would be even more difficult for them."

Chelsea needed a controversial penalty to avoid defeat – and extend Mourinho's 66-match unbeaten home run in the Premier League – against West Brom in

their most recent home match before beating West Ham last Saturday and losing at Basle in the Champions League on Tuesday night.

The Saints clash is the first of nine in December for the Blues, with matches away to Sunderland and to Stoke following in the next week.

"I have to think about the week, not just about the match," Mourinho added.

"Of course this is the most important one because it's the next one."

"I have conditions to make rotation and to put fresh legs and fresh blood from match to match, especially in some positions."

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# Saints Spotlight

## LOVREN READY TO RENEW RIVALRY WITH CHELSEA STARS

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**THERE will not be a prouder player in the Croatia squad at next year's World Cup than Dejan Lovren.**

The Saints defender will be reminded of two crucial results in Croatia's successful qualifying campaign when he lines up against a Chelsea side including Branislav Ivanovic at Stamford Bridge on Sunday afternoon.

The pair were in opposition when Croatia beat Serbia 2-0 in Zagreb eight months ago, a volatile encounter that ended Serbia's hopes of making it to Brazil.

Lovren and his compatriots had what he describes as a "a difficult game in Belgrade" in September.

But they came away with a 1-1 draw before qualifying for Brazil 2014 with a 2-0 aggregate win against Iceland earlier this month.

Now a big year with club and country beckons for Lovren, who is as patriotic as any of his Croatia teammates, despite spending many of his formative years in Germany, where his family fled during the Yugoslav war of the Nineties.

"It was a difficult time, but I have really good memories from Germany, we lived in Munich for seven years and I spoke German perfectly," recalls Lovren, who was ten when he returned to the country of his birth.

"When the war was over we had to go back but it took two or three years to settle. It was horrible for me at the beginning. I was laughed at because I didn't speak Croatian, I didn't understand anything."

Now Lovren speaks four languages. His excellent English skills were learnt at school in Croatia and he speaks French from his time with Lyon as well as excellent German.

"I took my character from Germany and also from my family, it was a tough but amazing life," says the 24 year-old.

Despite his polyglot past, Lovren's allegiance to Croatia is strong.

"It's a dream to play in the Croatia team because of the past," he said. "A lot of people died for the country so it would mean everything to play in the national team at the World Cup. It is like a duty to give everything for the team."



**FAMILIAR FOES:** Eden Hazard, above, and Branislav Ivanovic, top.

It was during his recent time away with Croatia that Lovren believes he caught the virus that forced him to miss last week's clash at Arsenal.

He blames it on minus-15 temperatures and the travelling as Croatia secured their place at the 2014 World Cup with a two-legged play-off success against Iceland.

But he is now ready to help put Saints' Emirates disappointment behind them at Chelsea on Sunday afternoon.

"I didn't see the game, I was at home sleeping!" he smiles.

Lovren was one of Saints' few ever-presenters before he was forced out of the clash against the leaders.

"For the last ten minutes on the bus I was shaking and I didn't feel good after dinner."

"I was awake all night and was back in

Southampton by 12pm. I'm in good shape now but it was horrible from Friday to Sunday."

Lovren did not feel much better when he heard how Saints lost.

"We played a very good game against, for me, the best team in the Premier League. There was not a big difference between us, just the mistakes."

"It was a little bit stupid how we conceded the goals. Not a lot of teams have more possession of the ball than Arsenal."

"We just need to reduce the mistakes, then we can do everything. But we are a team and when we make a mistake we make them together."

"We need to concentrate more on Sunday."

## Right to turn down Blues

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"So I took the chance [with Lyon] because I wanted to play to improve myself."

But the £8m move was not a transition as seamless as Lovren's switch to Saints.

"It was a difficult time, I hadn't even arrived and they were talking about me because of the amount they paid and I didn't speak French," he explains.

"But after six months I had had the time to adapt and it was much easier for me."

Even so, Lovren feels more suited to the English game. "I took a lot of red cards in France and they were blaming me for everything!"

"But I like the Premier League, the style of everything here and the referees because you can tackle."

"You may receive a yellow card for the same tackle they would give me three years in prison for in France!"

"Now I think I'm showing my quality to everybody."

The charismatic Lovren does not need to say how much he is enjoying his time on the south coast, it is clear for all to see.

But he adds: "It's fun to play with such quality players. I never played football with risk like this in Lyon and Zagreb."

"It's such a pleasure. We press really high, home or away, whether it's Norwich or Man U. We're running 12km a game, it's unbelievable."

"We worked hard in pre-season and now you see the results. Our dream is to play in the Champions League. We just have to believe."

It's a big game for us and for Chelsea also it will be a tough game."

Lovren knows all about the threat posed by Chelsea, particularly their gifted former Lille playmaker Eden Hazard, who he played against in France.

"I have a heck of a lot of respect for such a quality player, in France he was the best young player, but I'm not scared, I'm confident in me and my team."

Other big games loom large next week, with Aston Villa and Manchester City visiting St Mary's twice in four days.

"There are a lot of games in December, it will be hard," Lovren continued. "I hope we don't have a lot of injuries but we're prepared for everything now and everybody in the squad is important."

"We just need confidence and belief in ourselves to take a lot of points."



# Premiership Spotlight



## Stoke KO'd by Barca kid

### Everton 4 Stoke 0

EVERTON'S Catalan influence continues to grow apace as on-loan Barcelona youngster Gerard Deulofeu scored on his first league start to inspire a comfortable 4-0 win over Stoke.

Martinez has brought a Spanish flair to a side previously cast in the image of former boss David Moyes, a doughty and gritty Scot.

Deulofeu, 19, embodies the new freedom enveloping Goodison Park which saw them easily sweep aside the Potters with other goals from Seamus Coleman, Bryan Oviedo, deputising for the injured Leighton Baines, on only his second league start in nearly 18 months, and Romelu Lukaku.

Deulofeu's potential, having scored 18 goals in 34 games for Barcelona B last season and with five first-team appearances under his belt, was never in question but his ability to adapt to English football was his manager's primary concern.

Even he admitted pre-match Deulofeu had exceeded his expectations as he did not think the youngster would be ready for the league until January or February.

On this display it may be then before Kevin Mirallas, the man the Spaniard displaced, gets back into the side.

The first-half focus was almost entirely on the Barca boy, who fittingly produced the first and last action of the opening 45 minutes with plenty of contributions in between.

Having seen an early low free-kick parried by Asmir Begovic Deulofeu's angled shot was also denied at the near post.

Stoke's keeper was by far the busiest and when James McCarthy charged forward and exchanged passed with Lukaku the Bosnia international could only watch the mid-fielder fire wide.

Begovic produced a brilliant double save by Begovic to stop Leon Osman's deflected shot and Lukaku's close-range follow-up either side of another two angled efforts from Deulofeu before Lukaku headed wide from Oviedo's cross.

The traffic was virtually one way and Stoke managed just one shot on target late in the half when Jon Walters strike from Peter Crouch's knockdown was easily saved by Tim Howard.

Just as it appeared Everton's dominance would go unwarded Deulofeu struck, cutting in from the left this time and getting the ball back via Osman and Gareth Barry to finally beat Begovic with seconds in the half remaining.

Four minutes after the break right-back Coleman made it 2-0 when his mis-hit shot looped past the Stoke goalkeeper after another mis-kick by Barry.

Deulofeu was far from finished however and would have won a penalty had he gone down under Glenn Whelan's challenge but he stayed on his feet and Begovic parried his shot and denied Lukaku on the rebound.

If Coleman's goal was a surprise Oviedo's was totally unexpected. The Costa Rican collected Deulofeu's short corner, switched the ball on to his weaker right foot and powered it home from distance.

The defender then turned provider with the cross for Lukaku to score his eighth league goal of the season from close range to add to the two he scored last weekend against their near-neighbours.

Lukaku was immediately replaced by Nikica Jelavic, who has scored just one league goal since December 9, and his lack of confidence showed as with only Begovic to beat he bundled a shot straight at the goalkeeper in the 89th minute.

It mattered little as the Gwladys Street has a new hero to worship, for the remainder of this season at least.

# JOL SUFFERS HAMMERS BLOW

West Ham 3 Fulham 0

## MARTIN Jol's chances of hanging on to his job took a serious blow as West Ham condemned struggling Fulham to their fifth straight league defeat.

Mohamed Diame's deflected shot beat Maarten Stekelenburg and substitute Carlton Cole scored his first goal of the season before Joe Cole sealed a 3-0 win for the Hammers.

Jol admitted prior to the match that he could lose his job if his team were defeated, and Fulham fans made their feelings clear in the second half, chanting "Jol out!" and "You're getting sacked in the morning!"

Jol remained on the bench for most of the game, with his new right-hand man Rene Meulensteen barking orders at the team for the majority of the game.

Speculation will surely increase that the former Manchester United coach will replace his compatriot following the team's ninth defeat of the season.

Some Fulham fans chanted Meulensteen's name towards the end. They clearly want him to replace Jol as soon as possible.

One thing is for sure - Fulham need to improve fast. Only Adel Taarabt came away from this match with any credit. Without the ill Dimitar Berbatov, the Cottagers lacked any conviction up front and Fulham cannot afford to commit sloppy errors like the one that Sidwell made in the build-up to the first goal.

Fulham remain in the relegation zone, but for West Ham, the win - their first at home since the opening day of the season - was a welcome boost.

Manager Sam Allardyce dispensed with the "false nine" system and it paid off as the Hammers put on a clinical display of attacking football.

West Ham were booed off following last week's defeat to Chelsea, so captain, chairman and manager united in their programme notes to urge the fans to get behind their team.

The home side started well. Matt Jarvis and Stewart Downing stretched the Fulham defence with some incisive runs and Modibo Maiga looked lively.

West Ham peppered the Fulham box and Mark Noble may have given the hosts the lead had his shot not been blocked by former team-mate Scott Parker, who captained Fulham in the absence of Berbatov.

Maiga stole in front of his marker to meet Noble's free-kick but his effort struck a post and bounced out to safety.



ON TARGET: Joe Cole.

Sensing the importance of the game, both teams were really going for it. Tensions boiled over on two occasions, resulting in bookings for Kieran Richardson and James Tomkins, who cleaned out Pajtim Kasami with a late two-footed challenge. Sidwell would later join them for a similar foul on Mohamed Diame.

Other than the odd run from Taarabt, Fulham looked impotent in attack. Elsad Zverotic piled a long-range free-kick into the Bobby Moore stand.

James Collins was the next man to go close for West Ham when he headed a Downing cross inches wide. Downing had a go himself moments later, but Maarten Stekelenburg saved.

West Ham were fortunate to keep George McCarty on the pitch just before the break when the left-back tugged at Darren Bent's shirt, sending the former Aston Villa man tumbling to the ground just outside the box.

Luckily for the Hammers, Martin Atkinson saw it as a booking.

Still, Fulham had a good opportunity to test Jussi Jaaskelainen, but the fans were once again sent scrambling for cover as Richardson thumped the set-piece way over the bar.

Nolan horribly messed up an overhead kick, but West Ham were clapped off the pitch at half-time for their efforts.

Those fans had to wait just 72 seconds after the restart before they saw their team go ahead. Fulham helped them on their way. Parker lost possession 30 yards out and Sidwell then dallied on the ball, allowing Diame to advance towards goal. The midfielder fired a low drive which flicked Amorebieta's leg, diverting the ball past a helpless Stekelenburg.

West Ham pushed for a second. Stekelenburg saved well from Maiga and Downing fired the follow-up just over the bar.

Bent cleared Tomkins' header off the line. Jol brought on Bryan Ruiz, but West Ham continued to dominate.

Stekelenburg saved a close-range header from Jarvis and Downing then curled an effort on to the bar.

Kasami fired a warning with a low shot that skidded just wide of Jaaskelainen's goal.

Fulham's travelling support had seen enough. With 15 minutes left they knew their team were not capable of equalising and they sang "Jol out!" en masse.

Allardyce strengthened his team by bringing on Joe Cole, Carlton Cole and Ravel Morrison.

Morrison crashed a shot barely an inch wide but Carlton Cole did not miss his opportunity, tapping in Downing's cross.

Allardyce and his coaching staff sprung from the bench in glee. Jol just sat there, looking despondent.

The Dutchman then had his head buried in his hands two minutes from time when Joe Cole wrapped up the win for the hosts.

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# Premiership Spotlight



## Hooper strike is relief for Hughton

Norwich 1 Crystal Palace 0

NORWICH edged to a nervy 1-0 win over Crystal Palace to ease the pressure on manager Chris Hughton and hand new Eagles boss Tony Pulis defeat in his first match.

Former Saints target Gary Hooper's goal after 30 minutes proved enough to give the Canaries a much-needed victory, which earned Hughton some breathing space following seven Barclays Premier League defeats before Saturday afternoon.

The Eagles, boosted by last weekend's away win at Hull, were probably worth a point for their second-half efforts, but Norwich eventually closed out victory in front of a new all-seater record 26,851 attendance at Carrow Road.

## Bore draw

Aston Villa 0 Sunderland 0

ASTON Villa and Sunderland played out a largely forgettable 0-0 draw in front of the watching Duke of Cambridge at Villa Park.

The hosts were looking for their first home back-to-back Barclays Premier League victories since August 2010 but not even Villa supporter Prince William, donning a club scarf and coat as he looked on from owner Randy Lerner's executive box, could inspire them to victory.

Indeed it was Sunderland who came closest to all three points as they chased their first away win of the season, although they do return to the north east with a first point on their travels since the end of August.

In stark contrast to the Black Cats' recent home form, Gus Poyet had overseen three away defeats which contained three red cards and three own goals since taking charge.

But recalled striker Fabio Borini came closest to a winner as his glancing second-half header rebounded off the crossbar, while Emanuele Giaccherini contributed a worthy contender for miss of the season from a mere four yards just before half-time.

The dour encounter proved a far cry from Villa's 6-1 success in last season's corresponding fixture in April.

Wes Brown took his place in Sunderland's starting XI having seen last week's controversial red card at Stoke rescinded upon appeal, manager Poyet making three changes from the 2-0 defeat at the Britannia Stadium.

Paul Lambert, meanwhile, handed starts to Gabriel Agbonlahor, Andreas Weimann and Fabian Delph after the fit-again trio came off the bench to inspire a second-half comeback in Monday's 2-2 draw at West Brom. Antonio Luna also returned from injury.

Both sides enjoyed half-chances inside the opening five minutes, Agbonlahor heading wide at the back post while Andrea Dossena - one of those recalled for the Black Cats alongside Borini and ex-Villa midfielder Craig Gardner - fired into the side-netting at the other end.

However, the opening quarter of a cagey clash was dominated by a lack of quality in the final third with neither goalkeeper forced into a real save of note.

The hosts lived dangerously during a couple of Sunderland corners but the away side lacked the cutting edge to take advantage.

The first clear chance went the way of Villa in the 29th minute but an unmarked Benteke could only fire high and wide from 12 yards.

Sebastian Larsson curled a free-kick narrowly off target for the visitors while Delph let go of an effort from long-range.

Gardner had the ball in the net just prior to half-time but was rightly flagged for offside, before Giaccherini - in plenty of space - somehow put over the crossbar from four yards having been found by Phil Bardsley's header.

Villa started the second half the brighter of the two sides but Vito Mannone was merely forced into a couple of routine stops.

The game's closest opening came in the 66th minute as Borini header Giaccherini's left-wing cross against the woodwork.

Poyet and Lambert made changes as they went of search of a late winner, Benteke being replaced by Libor Kozak, but neither side could find anything in the final third as both sides were forced to settle for a share of the spoils.

# CARDIFF OUTGUNNED

Cardiff 0 Arsenal 3

**AARON Ramsey struck twice against his boyhood club to help Arsenal to a 3-0 win at Cardiff and extend the Gunners' lead at the top of the Barclays Premier League table to seven points.**

The Wales international, who came through the Cardiff academy, headed home from a Mesut Ozil cross in the 29th minute before substitute Mathieu Flamini doubled the lead with five minutes remaining.

Ramsey completed the scoring in stoppage time to make it 15 goals for club and country this season and, as with his first goal, was applauded by both sets of supporters.

Fraizer Campbell had Cardiff's best chances with headers either side of the break. The first was off target while the second drew an excellent save from Wojciech Szczesny.

Cardiff have enjoyed memorable results against Manchester City, Swansea and Manchester United at Cardiff City Stadium, but Arsenal navigated the potential pitfall with a minimum of fuss and put the pressure on nearest challengers Chelsea and Liverpool, who play on Sunday.

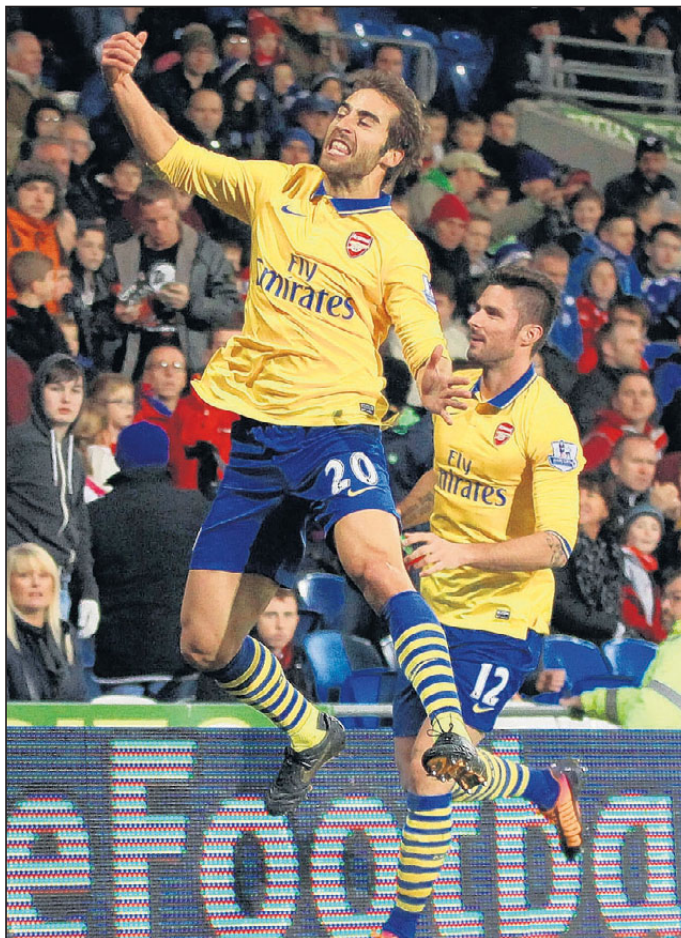
Cardiff, meanwhile, slip to 17th in the table and, despite the good work being done by Malky Mackay, their position will again put his position under scrutiny.

And it was Ramsey who was again the driving force for Arsenal as he and Ozil produced wonderful midfield displays.

Ramsey enjoyed a great reception from the home crowd prior to kick-off, and then almost helped put Arsenal ahead after 70 seconds.

His pass picked out Jack Wilshere, who beat David Marshall with a curling effort which rattled the crossbar.

Arsenal's strong start was punctuated by an injury to Per Mertesacker after the German



**GET IN:** Arsenal's Mathieu Flamini celebrates his goal against Cardiff.

clashed heads with Bacary Sagna, and Cardiff almost capitalised with the defender on the sidelines having further treatment.

Kevin Theophile-Catherine surged down the right to deliver an inviting cross which Campbell

headed wide.

Arsenal should have led in the 15th minute but Olivier Giroud made an embarrassing error.

The French striker thought he was offside when Ozil attempted to flick a through ball on to him - with

replays suggesting the £42million signing had got a touch - and stopped when clean through on goal.

However, assistant referee Lee Betts did not raise his flag and, by the time Giroud had realised, Steven Caulker had got back to make the block, much to the fury of Arsene Wenger.

Ozil's next contribution saw Arsenal take the lead.

His fizzing cross picked out Ramsey's run and the midfielder's header left Marshall with no chance.

Jordon Mutch sent an attempted overhead kick wide from close range but Arsenal were firmly on top and Ramsey could have doubled their lead just before the break.

Giroud picked him out at the far post but he was crowded out by defenders and eventually sent his shot well over the bar.

Another chance arrived seconds into the second half. Ramsey was again at the centre of it, bursting past Peter Whittingham and Kim Bo-kyung to tee up Giroud, only for Ben Turner to block the goalbound effort on the line.

The miss almost proved costly when Kim flicked on a ball into the Arsenal box and Campbell rose to direct a powerful header goalwards, only for Szczesny to make an excellent low save.

The chance prompted a big improvement in Cardiff's play, the hosts upping the tempo and finding a way to disrupt Arsenal's passing patterns.

However, they created little and Arsenal remained a potent threat, with Santi Cazorla hitting a tame effort at Marshall from Wilshere's pass.

Whittingham and Don Cowie worked Szczesny from distance before Flamini slotted home from Ozil's pass for his first Arsenal goal since January 2008, and Ramsey added a third in time added on.

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**CLASS ACT:** Saints keeper Artur Boruc clears from Spurs Jermain Defoe during Tottenham Hotspur v Saints Premier League match.

## Artur is sheer class

ARTUR Boruc hit the headlines for his comical cock-up against Arsenal on Saturday.

Oh to be a goalkeeper! You pull off world class saves week in, week out; save the team countless points week in, week out and yet one moment of stupidity and everyone starts to doubt you.

Artur Boruc is a world class goalkeeper, his temperament and personality are part and parcel of what makes him a great goalkeeper.

I, for one, won't be looking to press the panic button quite yet.

# Pompey fall Guy

**The Beautiful South**  
with Daren Wheeler

**THE "shock" departure of Guy Whittingham from Portsmouth this week signals the start of the managerial silly season.**

The period just before Christmas, leading up to the end of January, is always rife with management sackings as clubs seek to either avoid relegation or push forward to where the chairman believes his club should be.

That makes Portsmouth's decision more baffling, surely relegation or non-League football is exactly where Pompey belong?

The board has already hinted they have exceeded their budget for Whittingham and believe they gave him a "Mid table budget" which is just astonishing.

The arrogance of Portsmouth FC continues to be mind numbing.

You have a club that owes tens of millions, has barely a shoestring budget and yet believes they belong mid table.

For any fan of a club in the situation Portsmouth are in, surely the objective of season one is survival, nothing more, nothing less?

The fact that Pompey have publicly stated they have budgeted for a mid-table spot is astonishing.

Pompey owe you money? Hold on a sec, I'll be with you once we're mid-table.

We're mid-table? Hold on I'll pay you once we're in League One.

You can see the people they owe money to being further and further pushed back as the club seek to get themselves back to where they think they should be.



**EDGED OUT:** Guy Whittingham in his Pompey playing days.

What stuns me more is the fact that Pompey's board have revealed that several ex-Premier League managers have expressed an interest in the job as well.

It's not that the fact it's Portsmouth that surprises me, more the fact that, budget wise, Portsmouth could even entertain a "top name" manager.

Your club owes ex-players roughly £100,000 a month, you've not paid a penny back to the tax man and the local businesses have yet to see so much as an IOU for their debts and yet you're looking

at managers who have top flight experience?

The fact that the *Daily Echo* has received letters complaining about me writing about Pompey indicates that some people think I have a problem with them.

I don't, I really don't.

Three years of having plastic rivalries with the likes of Bournemouth, Brighton and Reading showed me there's nothing like the real thing but at what stage do people look at Pompey, or any other free spending football club, and think "Enough is

enough"?

Ignore the fact these are the actions of our local rivals, put that thought to one side. Surely the time has come to just do the right thing?

This isn't a Saints/Pompey thing, it's a common decency thing.

People are out of pocket, face facts, you'll have to spend years paying them back and working your way back at the same rate everyone else is.

Just why should Pompey's debts be put on the back burner whilst

they seek promotion to League One?

Would this sort of rubbish be tolerated in any other line of business?

Live within your means, and that means paying your debts/bills like everyone else and not putting them aside whilst you jostle for promotion.

Whittingham's departure coincides with rumours that Andre Villas-Boas is on the brink of getting the sack at Tottenham and that Mauricio Pochettino is being lined up as a replacement.

I drew the ire of a Tottenham supporting friend of mine when I laughed off this suggestion.

Tottenham are a far bigger club than Saints. He crowed. Are they? I replied. On current league positioning, they're not.

On wealth, both clubs have a healthy bank balance and in terms of academies, Saints probably shade it over the Londoners.

Times have changed, Spurs aren't quite the club they used to be. Their trophy cabinet may be fuller than ours but that counts for nothing when it comes to the here and now.

No manager has ever looked at a club and thought, "Hmmm nice trophy cabinet."

No, they'll look at the current team, the set-up, the youth team and academies and, most importantly, the chairman and decide if it's what they want.

The gap between Saints and Spurs has never been so narrow. Saints are no longer the runt of the litter, we have genuine designs of a European place, be it by league or by cup and the days of us being easy pickings for the so called bigger clubs are long gone.

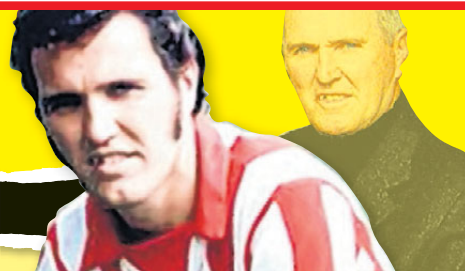
Joining Spurs could now be viewed as a step sideways rather than one step forward. Who'd have thought we'd genuinely challenge Tottenham so quickly?

It's been a long time since it was this exciting to be a Saints fan...



# Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



**IT WAS another weekend to forget for Premier League officials, and another blight on a season that seems to have thrown up its fair share of refereeing controversy.**

Referees' chief Mike Riley would have been a busy man on Monday morning if he was consistent in his approach of apologising to managers over incorrect decisions.

In the week where he chose to say sorry for Andre Marriner's penalty decision at Stamford Bridge, which gifted Chelsea a late point against West Brom, controversy reigned supreme as officials made blunder after blunder, tarnishing what was a very entertaining weekend of football. Sunderland manager Gus Poyet was the first to say he would be expecting a call, after seeing Kevin Friend send off his defender, Wes Brown.

"I would like the referees' chief to apologise to me," said Poyet.

## Precedent

"They call a British manager to say sorry, maybe it is time to call a foreign manager, and we can make it one-one."

Riley has set a risky precedent. While conversation with clubs is no doubt required, he can't run up a phone bill every Monday apologising for the inadequacies of his referees.

Now he's opened a Pandora's box, he needs to be consistent. Consistency; that is all any manager asks for.

Taking a look over the weekend's flashpoints, there was a distinct lack of it.

Brown was shown a straight red card for a challenge that a ref wouldn't have even batted an eyelid at a couple decades ago.

Full-blooded it was, but it was also as clean as a whistle.

Earlier in the day, we had seen a horrific challenge from Kevin Mirallas on Luis Suarez in the Merseyside derby, which warranted a sending off.

His reckless knee-high lunge had Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers wondering just what you need to do to deserve a red.

What followed the challenge was a melee of players from either side, with even the Reds physio putting in his two cents.

Phil Dowd, the referee, took his time to consult with his assistants before eventually brandishing a yellow card.

Even this was met with disapproval from the home crowd, who thought Suarez was up to his old histrionics.

That he had quite graphic proof of the tackle was of little importance to the crowd or Dowd.

All in all, there was two-and-a-half minutes between the challenge and the incorrect decision.

It took all of ten seconds and one replay to determine that Mirallas deserved an early shower and a three-match ban for his challenge.

In the end, he got neither of these things. It has been a breakthrough year for technology in the game,



**LUNGE:** Everton's Kevin Mirallas, left, catches Liverpool's Luis Suarez with a high tackle.

## APOLOGY? BOSSES JUST WANT A PUNISHMENT THAT FITS CRIME



**MIKE RILEY**

with HawkEye bringing some sanity to goal-line decisions, but progress is slow in an ever-changing game.

If we are able to eradicate these decisions from the game, should we not do everything in our power to make that possible?

## Technology

Technology should be used to assist referees, not to vilify them. In the end, Brown's red card was rescinded, but it is of scant consolation to a Sunderland side scrapping for Premier League survival.

Meanwhile, Crystal Palace's Yannick Bolasie was handed a three-match ban for his debatable red card, while Mirallas, Manchester United's Wayne Rooney and Cardiff's Gary Medel get off scot-free for their arguably worse challenges. The longer these sorts of challenges go unpunished, the deeper the line drawn in the sand between managers and referees.

Riley did his best to try and cool

the tensions, but it was a mistake to admit to a mistake.

While it is a nice sentiment, it has little place in the high-stakes environment that is the Premier League.

Managers would much rather see just punishments handed out and unjust ones rescinded, regardless of the decision made by the referee in the heat of the moment.

We all understand that referees are human and mistakes are inevitable, but in justice there is no room for error. For Dowd and Friend, justice will be served as they are shipped off to referee in the lower leagues, but what of the players and clubs involved in these decisions?

As long as this flawed system continues, dialogue with referees will never improve. They will be kept away from the spotlight and the managers bite their tongues for fear of an FA sanction. All the while sitting by the phone, waiting for a call to come on Monday morning.

## England does have talent...

AS WE move towards the World Cup in Brazil next year, a lot of things have been said about the state of the English game and whether we have enough youngsters coming through to replace the current crop of veterans.

Once the tournament finishes, players such as Steven Gerrard, Frank Lampard and Ashley Cole will likely hang up their international boots to let the current batch of youngsters fight to be ready for Euro 2016.

It has been reported that there are fewer English players in the Premier League today than ever before.

In fact, English footballers account for just 32.26 per cent of all minutes played in the division – the lowest home-grown ratio across all major European leagues, according to Opta statisticians.

However, the issue is not just the quantity, but also the quality, as even when the ratio was a lot higher we still failed to qualify for the 1994 World Cup.

Former England captain Alan Shearer said: "These are tough times for English football at the moment. Everyone is aware that English football is not as healthy as it should be and I'm afraid it is all going to take time."

So what is being done to rectify the situation?

"The Premier League is one season into the implementation of its £340m Elite Player Performance Plan, the number-one stated aim of which is to develop more and better home-grown players," a Premier League spokesman said.

"Significant progress has already been made with club academies independently audited, coaching hours and provision increased, and new competitions established."

The one club that in recent years has provided the blueprint for the development of home-grown players is Southampton.

Many youngsters have burst onto the scene from the conveyor belt of their academy,

such as Matthew Le Tissier, Theo Walcott, Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and, of course, the world's current most expensive player, Gareth Bale.

This year, Southampton are regularly playing with six

Englishmen in their team and sit proudly in fifth position (ahead of today's games) in the Premier League.

On the opening day of the season, against West Bromwich Albion, they became the first team to field three English under-18 players when Calum Chambers joined Luke Shaw and James Ward-Prowse, below, on the pitch.

Together with current England new boys Adam Lallana and Jay Rodriguez, as well as Nathaniel Clyne, they have six players who could all be England regulars come Euro 2016.

It doesn't stop there for Southampton, though, as their under-18s are performing well and many other players are likely to be given a chance in the years to come.

So, who are the youngsters that are coming through the academies or players that have already started to make an impact in the Premier League?

Starting with the goalkeeper's jersey we already have Joe Hart (26) who, as long as he can regain his top form, should be England's number one shot stopper for years to come, but Jack Butland (20) can provide able cover.

In defence, we have the Manchester United pairing of Phil Jones (21) and Chris Smalling (23), Tottenham's Kyle Walker (23) and the Southampton pair of Shaw (18) and Clyne (22).

In midfield, we already have Arsenal's Jack Wilshere (21) and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (20), Everton's Ross Barkley, who has already made his full England debut at the tender age of 19, and also 22-year-old Andros Townsend of Tottenham, who grabbed his England chance with both hands by excelling against Montenegro and Poland.

Ravel Morrison (19) is finally fulfilling his potential at West Ham and let's not forget Theo Walcott, who is still only 24. It is obvious that we have plenty of talent in this area.

It is in the attacking position where we look thin on the ground.

Outside of Wayne Rooney (28), we have Daniel Sturridge (24) and Danny Welbeck (22) in the senior squad.

Elsewhere Wilfried Zaha, Harry Kane and Saido Berahino, all 20-years-old, are performing for the England Under-21s.

The names above are proof that England are still producing exceptionally talented individuals.

The question for the next generation is whether or not they can find an identity and direction together as a team – ingredients essential to any major international success.

Spain, Germany, Argentina and the Dutch all have clear methods of play; values taught from a young age that have become instilled in their players.

While the immediate future may not look as dim as most have portrayed it, England's long term prospects will depend heavily on their ability to establish that identity and effective style of play for our next crop of stars.





# Saints Spotlight

## SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2013/14

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>AUGUST</b>															
Sat 17	West Brom . . . . .(A)	W 1-0	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse***	Lallana*	Rodriguez**	Lambert 1	Ramirez*	S Davis**
Sat 24	Sunderland . . . . .(H)	D 1-1	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte 1	Lovren	Shaw*	Wanyama	Schneiderlin**	W-Prowse	Lallana***	Rodriguez	Lambert	Clyne*	Osvaldo**
Tue 27	Barnsley (CCC 2) . . .(A)	W 5-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox	Cork	S Davis 2	Isgrrove*	Ramirez 1	Rodriguez** 1	Mayuka*** 1	Rowe*	Sinclair***
Sat 31	Norwich . . . . .(A)	L 0-1	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Fox	Wanyama	Schneiderlin**	W-Prowse	Osvaldo***	Lallana*	Lambert	Ramirez*	Rodriguez***
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>															
Sun 15	West Ham . . . . .(H)	D 0-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw**	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	Rodriguez	Osvaldo	Lallana*	Lambert	W-Prowse*	Chambers**
Sat 21	Liverpool . . . . .(A)	W 1-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	Rodriguez**	Osvaldo	Lallana**	Lambert*	S Davis*	W-Prowse**
Tues 24	Bristol City (CCC 3) (H)	W 2-0	K Davis	Chambers	Yoshida	Hooiveld 1	Fox	Cork	S Davis***	W-Prowse	Ramirez 1	Do Prado**	Lee*	Reed**	Cork***
Sat 28	Crystal Palace . . . . .(H)	W 2-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis*	Osvaldo 1	Lallana***	Lambert** 1	Rodriguez*	Ramirez***
<b>OCTOBER</b>															
Sat 5	Swansea . . . . .(H)	W 2-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Fox	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis***	Osvaldo*	Lallana 1	Lambert	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez** 1
Sat 19	Man United . . . . .(A)	D 1-1	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama***	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Lallana 1	Rodriguez*	Osvaldo	Lambert*	Do Prado***
Sat 26	Fulham . . . . .(H)	W 2-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse**	Rodriguez* 1	Lallana	Lambert 1	Do Prado*	Cork**
<b>NOVEMBER</b>															
Sat 2	Stoke . . . . .(A)	D 1-1	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse	Rodriguez* 1	Lallana	Lambert	Ramirez*	Gallagher***
Wed 6	Sunderland (CCC 4) . .(A)	L 1-2	K Davis	Chambers	Yoshida 1	Hooiveld	Fox	Cork	Reed	S Davis**	Ramirez***	Rodriguez	Lee*	W-Prowse*	Cork***
Sat 9	Hull . . . . .(H)	W 4-1	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama*	Schneiderlin 1	W-Prowse	Lallana*** 1	Rodriguez	Lambert** 1	S Davis*	Osvaldo**
Sat 23	Arsenal . . . . .(A)	L 0-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw*	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse	Lallana**	Rodriguez	Lambert	S Davis*	Osvaldo**
<b>DECEMBER</b>															
Sun 1	Chelsea . . . . .(A)														
Wed 4	Aston Villa . . . . .(H)														
Sat 7	Manchester City . . .(H)														
Sat 14	Newcastle . . . . .(A)														
Sat 21	Tottenham . . . . .(H)														
Thu 26	Cardiff . . . . .(A)														
Sun 29	Everton . . . . .(A)														
<b>JANUARY</b>															
Wed 1	Chelsea . . . . .(H)														
Sat 11	West Brom . . . . .(H)														
Sat 18	Sunderland . . . . .(A)														
Tue 28	Arsenal . . . . .(H)														
<b>FEBRUARY</b>															
Sat 1	Fulham . . . . .(A)														
Sat 8	Stoke . . . . .(H)														
Tue 11	Hull . . . . .(A)														
Sat 22	West Ham . . . . .(A)														
<b>MARCH</b>															
Sat 1	Liverpool . . . . .(H)														
Sat 8	Crystal Palace . . . .(A)														
Sat 15	Norwich . . . . .(H)														
Sat 22	Tottenham . . . . .(A)														
Sat 29	Newcastle . . . . .(H)														
<b>APRIL</b>															
Sat 5	Manchester City . . . .(A)														
Sat 12	Cardiff . . . . .(H)														
Sat 19	Aston Villa . . . . .(A)														
Sat 26	Everton . . . . .(H)														
<b>MAY</b>															
Sat 3	Swansea . . . . .(A)														
Sun11	Man United . . . . .(H)														

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG		LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG		LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
KELVIN DAVIS	0	0	3	0	286(1)	0	JACK CORK	0(4)	0	3	0	99(12)	0	RICKIE LAMBERT	11(1)	4	0	0	197(11)	107
PAULO GAZZANIGA	0	0	0	0	11	0	VICTOR WANYAMA	12	0	0	0	12	0	JAY RODRIGUEZ	9(2)	3	2(1)	1	37(14)	13
ARTUR BORUC	12	0	0	0	33	0	MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	12	1	0	0	179(28)	9	DANI OSVALDO	6(3)	1	0	0	6(3)	1
NATHANIEL CLYNE	9(1)	0	1	0	44(1)	1	ADAM LALLANA	12	3	0(1)	0	212(24)	53	TADANARI LEE	0	0	2	0	9(5)	2
CALUM CHAMBERS	3(1)	0	2	0	5(2)	0	STEVE DAVIS	3(4)	1	3	2	29(15)	5	EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0	0	1	1	3(10)	1
DEJAN LOVREN	11	1	0	0	11	1	JAMES WARD-PROWSE	7(5)	0	1(1)	0	18(18)	1	BILLY SHARP	0	0	0	0	12(6)	10
JOSE FONTE	12	1	1	0	154(3)	13	JASON PUNCHEON	0	0	0	0	70(10)	10	SAM GALLAGHER	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
JOS HOOIVELD	1	0	2	1	69(3)	9	LLOYD ISGROVE	0	0	1	0	1(1)	0	HARRISON REED	0	0	1(2)	0	1(2)	0
MAYA YOSHIDA	0	0	3	1	36(1)	1	OMAR ROWE	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0							
LUKE SHAW	10(1)	0	0	0	34(6)	0	JAKE SINCLAIR	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0							
DANNY FOX	2	0	3	0	57(10)	1	GASTON RAMIREZ	0(4)	0	3	2	23(10)	7							
JACK STEPHENS	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	GULY DO PRADO	0(3)	0	1	0	78(31)	22							

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.



# Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

## CHERRIES FIXTURES

### AUGUST

Sat 3	Charlton (H)	.....W 2-1
Grabban 2		
Tues 6	P'mouth LC1 (H)	..W 1-0
O'Kane		
Sat 10	Watford (A)	.....L 1-6
Grabban		
Sat 17	Wigan (H)	.....W 1-0
Grabban		
Sat 24	Huddersfield (A)	...L 1-5
Pugh		
Wed 28	Watford (LC2) (A)	...L 0-2
Sat 31	Doncaster (A)	.....W 1-0
Pitman		

### SEPTEMBER

Sat 14	Blackpool (H)	.....L 1-2
Grabban		
Tue 17	Barnsley (H)	.....W 1-0
Pugh		
Sat 21	Middlesbrough (A)	..D 3-3
Pitman (2), OG		
Sat 28	Blackburn (H)	.....L 1-3
Fraser		

### OCTOBER

Tues 1	Leeds (A)	.....L 1-2
Grabban		
Sat 5	Millwall (H)	.....W 5-2
Fraser, Cook, Arter, Grabban, Pitman		
Sat 19	Nottm Forest (A)	...D 1-1
Pugh		
Sat 26	Leicester (A)	.....L 1-2
Pugh		

### NOVEMBER

Sat 2	Bolton (H)	.....L 0-2
Sat 9	Burnley (A)	.....D 1-1
Rantie		
Sat 23	Derby (H)	.....L 0-1
Sat 30	Brighton (A)	.....D 1-1
Ritchie		

### DECEMBER

Tues 3	QPR	.....(A)
Sat 7	Reading	.....(A)
Sat 14	Birmingham	.....(H)
Sat 21	Sheff Wed	.....(A)
Thur 26	Yeovil	.....(H)
Sun 29	Ipswich	.....(A)

### JANUARY

Wed 1	Brighton	.....(A)
Sat 11	Wigan	.....(A)
Sat 18	Watford	.....(H)
Sat 25	Charlton	.....(A)
Tues 28	Huddersfield	.....(H)

### FEBRUARY

Sat 1	Leicester	.....(H)
Sat 8	Bolton	.....(A)
Sat 15	Burnley	.....(H)
Sat 22	Derby	.....(A)

### MARCH

Sat 1	Doncaster	.....(H)
Sat 8	Blackpool	.....(A)
Wed 12	Blackburn	.....(A)
Sat 15	Middlesbrough	.....(H)
Sat 22	Barnsley	.....(A)
Tues 25	Leeds	.....(H)
Sat 29	Birmingham	.....(A)

### APRIL

Sat 5	QPR (H)	
Tues 8	Reading	.....(H)
Sat 12	Yeovil	.....(A)
Fri 18	Sheff Wed	.....(H)
Mon 21	Ipswich	.....(A)
Sat 26	Notts Forest	.....(H)

### MAY

Sat 3	Millwall	.....(A)
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# BARNES DENIES CHERRIES SOUTH COAST DERBY WIN

**CHERRIES** were left to rue missed chances as an opportunist strike from Brighton's Ashley Barnes ensured the spoils were shared in the early kick-off at Dean Court.

Goalscorer Matt Ritchie, pictured, was at the hub of a much improved display from Eddie Howe's men with Seagulls unable to contain their hosts following the returning winger's blistering first-half strike.

However, the visitors, more comfortable in possession without offering much attacking impetus, grabbed their equaliser 10 minutes after the restart and survived another spell of Cherries pressure before stifling the game late on.

Howe made three changes to the team that lost 1-0 to Derby seven days ago with fit-again Ritchie and Ryan Fraser starting on the flanks while Harry Arter made a welcome return in central midfield.

Marc Pugh and Shaun MacDonald dropped to the bench and Lewis Grabban was ill, but the biggest boost for Cherries fans prior to kick-off was the news that centre-half Steve Cook had recovered from injury after being stretchered off last week.

Meanwhile, the visitors made one change from their victory at Wigan Athletic with Inigo Calderon replacing the suspended Bruno Salto at right-back.

Fraser and Ritchie immediately justified their inclusion by setting a snappy tempo from the outset with diminutive Scot Fraser not giving the panicky Calderon a moment of peace.

The wee man teamed up with Daniels to find Pitman who swiveled and hooked towards goal in the 16th minute but his overhead effort was comfortably held by Brighton stopper Tomasz Kuszczak.

Albion passed the ball well but rarely opened up Cherries before Calderon volleyed over the crossbar midway through the first half after a tidy exchange in the penalty area.

Cherries remained on top with the game gathering pace as Pitman glanced wide Francis' centre before, at the other end, a harmless looking ball was picked up by Brighton's top scorer Andrew Crofts who drew a smart block from Lee Camp from an acute angle.

But as the anticipation built alongside the home side's pressure, the opener duly arrived on 29 minutes.

Jake Forster-Caskey unfairly ended Ritchie's direct run just outside the penalty area but the lively winger dusted himself down to blast past the helpless Kuszczak from the resultant free kick following Charlie Daniels' delicate lay-off.

Cherries nearly doubled their tally two minutes later when Fraser's inswinging centre just eluded Ritchie and was beaten away by Kuszczak before Fraser picked up the recycled ball and drifted a fizzing shot wide of the far post with Brighton's custodian scrambling.

The hosts' menacing display continued with a collection of infringe-



ments missed by man in the middle Jon Moss, but when Cherries were eventually awarded another free kick Ritchie was inches from repeating his trick as Craig Conway's deflection saw the effort bounce fractionally wide of Kuszczak's left upright.

Liam Bridcutt entered the action at half-time as Brighton tried to get one of their few shining lights from the first half, Rohan Ince, involved further up the pitch.

But it was Cherries whose purple patch continued when that man Ritchie took a raking midfield pass in his stride before threading a sumptuous ball for Pitman who was thwarted at close quarters by Kuszczak while Arter blasted over from the resultant corner.

However, there was a sting in the tail when Calderon's throw from the right worked its way to Barnes who held off two Cherries markers to unleash an unstoppable left foot drive past Lee Camp on 55 minutes.

Cook leapt well to meet Pitman's delicate free kick on the hour but powered his header wide of the far post despite being handily placed.

The game steadily settled down as the visitors saw more of the ball and their patient approach nearly paid dividends with 20 minutes to play.

Conway rode a challenge from Francis before exploiting space down Cherries' right but his low centre ran harmlessly across the face of goal.

Despite the rip-roaring tempo of

the first half being somewhat stifled, Ritchie still aided Cherries' attempts to get on the front foot, spreading the play to substitute Marc Pugh whose left-wing cross was marginally too high for fellow replacement Thomas.

Pitman flashed shot whistled past the post before Ritchie's awkward effort saw Kuszczak play it safe and concede a corner with 15 minutes left but Brighton successfully weathered the brief storm.

Goalkeeper Camp survived a fractious moment with Barnes in the closing 10 minutes which saw the Seagulls striker hit the deck towards the end of the action.

Cherries saw a handball shout waved away during a bout of penalty area pinball in the latter stages but there was to be no winner from a keenly-contested clash which the hosts could have took greater control of before the break.

#### MATCH FACTS

**CHERRIES:** Camp, Francis, Elphick, Cook, Daniels, O'Kane, Arter, Ritchie, Pitman, Fraser (Pugh, 71), Rantie (Thomas, 67).  
**Unused subs:** Harte, Yennaris, Surman, MacDonald, Flahavan (g/k).  
**Goal:** Ritchie, 29.  
**Brighton:** Kuszczak, Calderon, Greer, Upson, Ward, Ince (Andrews, 68), Crofts, Forster-Caskey (Bridcutt, h-t), Lopez (Orlandi, 65), Barnes, Conway.  
**Unused subs:** Lita, El-Abd, Agustien, Ankergren (g/k).  
**Goal:** Barnes, 55.  
**Booked:** Upson.  
**Attendance:** 9,870 (including 1,341 visiting supporters).  
**Referee:** Jon Moss (West Yorkshire).

## POMPEY FIXTURES

### AUGUST

Sat 3	Oxford (H)	.....L 1-4
Agyemang		
Tues 6	B'mouth LC1 (A)	..L 0-1
Sat 10	Accrington (A)	...D 2-2
Connolly 2		
Sat 17	Morecambe (H)	..W 3-0
Wallace, Connolly, Agyemang		
Sat 24	Mansfield (A)	...D 2-2
Barcham, Connolly		
Sat 31	Chesterfield (H)	...L 0-2

### SEPTEMBER

Tues 3	Torquay FLT1 (a)	..D 0-0
Won on penalties		
Sat 7	Cheltenham (A)	..D 2-2
Agyemang, Ertl		
Sat 14	Burton (A)	.....W 2-1
Holmes, Ferry		
Sat 21	Fleetwood (H)	...L 0-1
Sat 28	York (A)	.....L 2-4
Wallace, Marquis		

### OCTOBER

Sat 5	Rochdale (H)	...W 3-0
Ngala 2, Wallace		
9 Oxford (A) JPT	.....W 2-1	
Marquis, Agyemang		
Sat 12	Plymouth (A)	...D 1-1
Wallace		
Sat 19	Bury (H)	.....W 1-0
N'Gala		
Sat 26	Torquay (A)	....D 1-1
Bird		

### NOVEMBER

Sat 2	Exeter (H)	.....W 3-2
Holmes, Bird 2		
Sat 9	Stevenage (A, FAC1)	L2-1
Connolly		
Tue 12	Newport (A, JPT)	..L3-0
Sat 16	Wimbledon (A)	...L4-0
Sat 23	Scunthorpe(H)	...L1-2
Tues 26	Southend(H)	...L1-2
Sat 30	Hartlepool (A)	....D0-0

### DECEMBER

Sat 14	Newport	.....(H)
Sat 21	Bristol Rovers	.....(A)
Thurs 26	Dag & Red	.....(H)
Sun 29	Northampton	.....(H)

### JANUARY

Wed 1	Southend	.....(A)
Sat 4	Accrington	.....(H)
Sat 11	Oxford United	.....(A)
Sat 18	Mansfield	.....(H)
Sat 25	Morecambe	.....(A)
Tues 28	Wycombe	.....(A)

### FEBRUARY

Sat 1	Torquay	.....(H)
Sat 8	Exeter	.....(A)
Sat 15	Wimbledon	.....(H)
Sat 22	Scunthorpe	.....(A)

### MARCH

Sat 1	Chesterfield	.....(A)
Sat 8	Cheltenham	.....(H)
Tues 11	Burton	.....(H)
Sat 15	Fleetwood	.....(A)
Sat 22	York	.....(H)
Tues 25	Rochdale	.....(A)
Sat 29	Newport	.....(A)

### APRIL

Sat 5	Hartlepool	.....(H)
Sat 12	Dag & Red	.....(A)
Sat 19	Bristol Rovers	.....(H)
Mon 21	Northampton	.....(A)
Sat 26	Bury	.....(A)

### MAY

Sat 3	Plymouth	.....(H)
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## Down Memory Lane

**November 30, 1946**

Ted Bates' leveller give Saints a point from a 1-1 draw against Manchester City.

**December 6, 1947**

Saints fall 2-0 down at Brentford before recovering to grab a point through Eric Day and Charlie Wayman.

**December 4, 1948**

Ted Bates' second half goal earns Saints a Second Division victory at home to Chesterfield

**December 2, 1950**

Ted Bates and Brown both score in the last 10 minutes to rescue a 2-2 draw for Saints against Leicester at The Dell.

**December 5, 1953**

Johnny Walker, Derek Digby, Henry Horton and John Flood net in a 4-2 home victory over Millwall.

**December 4, 1954**

John Hoskins scores twice, including an 88th minute winner, as Saints triumph 2-1 at Crystal Palace.

**December 2, 1961**

Tommy Mulgrew and George O'Brien are on target in a 2-0 Second Division win over Liverpool at The Dell.

**December 1, 1962**

George Kirby, David Burnside and George O'Brien secure a 3-1 home win over Norwich.

**December 5, 1964**

Terry Paine, above, grabs a hat-trick, equalising three times as Saints are held 3-3 by Derby County at The Dell in front of a crowd of 14, 401.

**December 3, 1966**

Jimmy Melia and Terry Paine score in a 2-0 top flight Dell victory over Newcastle.

**December 6, 1969**

Ron Davies and Jimmy Gabriel twice level to give Saints a rare point at Highbury.

**December 5, 1970**

Ron Davies scores twice as Saints hit back from falling behind to beat Nottingham Forest 4-1 at The Dell.

**December 2, 1972**

Martin Chivers opens the scoring for Saints on his return to The Dell with Tottenham, but Mick Channon levels.

**December 1, 1973**

Brian O'Neil and Mick Channon score in a 2-0 Dell victory over Everton.

**December 6, 1975**

Peter Osgood scores twice as Saints cane Sunderland 4-0 at The Dell. Nick Holmes and Mel Blyth also net.

**December 4, 1976**

Notts County won 2-1. Nick Holmes and Mick Channon are on target in a Dell victory watched by 14,153.

**December 2, 1978**

Phil Boyer's goal gives Saints a home win over Birmingham.

## Saints Spotlight

# A CRACKING DEAL

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**SAINTS visit Stamford Bridge this Sunday for a clash with Chelsea – a club with which they have some famous, and unusual, connections.**

Many of those are detailed in *All the Saints*, the new book from Hagiology Publishing that was released on Friday.

The publication profiles every player ever to have featured for the club.

Here, the *Sports Pink* prints excerpts of some of the Chelsea-related ones, starting with the famous Peter Osgood.

### PETER OSGOOD

Lawrie McMenemy's acquisition of seen-it-all stars would become routine, but his first such signing – Chelsea's Peter Osgood, who had won his fourth, and final, England cap a few months earlier – caused quite a stir behind the scenes at The Dell.

Asked by McMenemy for his thoughts on buying "The King of the King's Road" – arguably second only to George Best in the glamour-ratings of the day – the club secretary, Keith Honey, questioned the wisdom of paying a record fee of £275,000 for "a fancy Dan... a flash signing that would look good in the press."

Playing-wise, Honey's fears would prove warranted in the short-term, yet there was nothing "flash" about Osgood, when it came to his ready acceptance in the dressing-room.

Although Peter described it as a "culture shock" to come from the sartorial King's Road to the casual attire of his new teammates, his total lack of any airs was remarked upon by some of the less-established players.

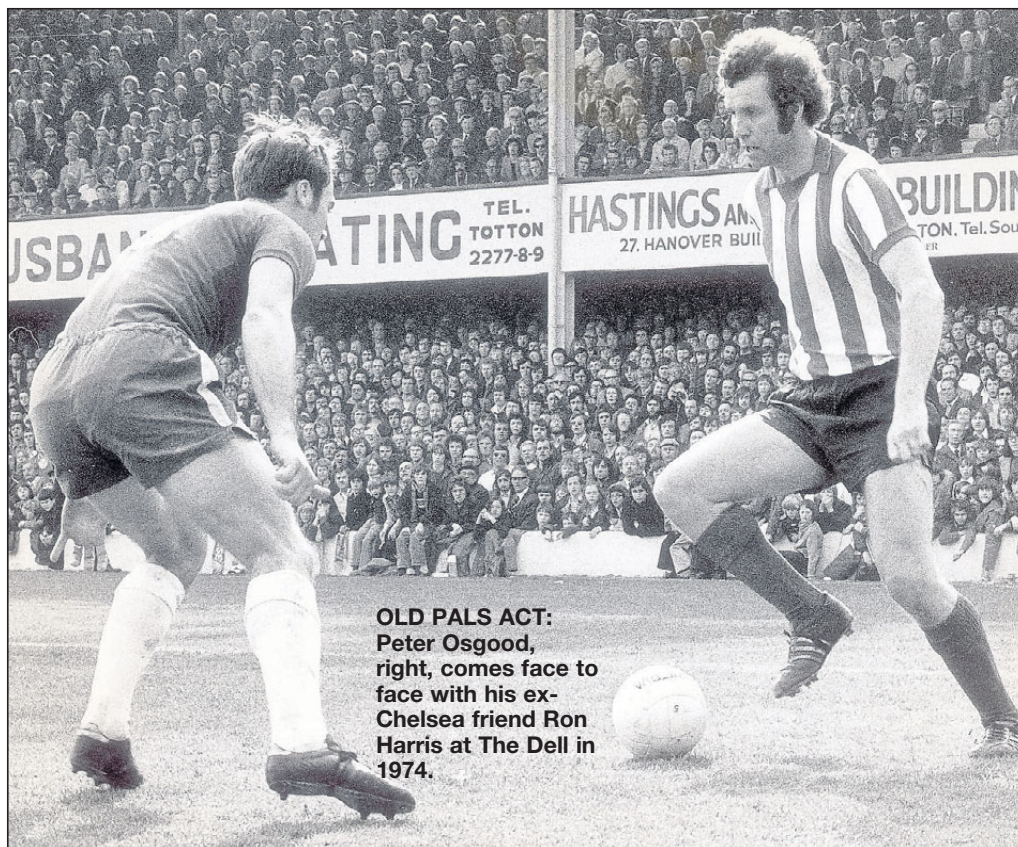
Gerry O'Brien found him not only "full of fun," but "very, very supportive of me [and] of younger players, as well."

And one of those junior teammates, Paul Bennett, couldn't believe how well he was treated by "one of the nicest guys I've known in football... He used to let me borrow his car."

Yet Paul endorses Honey's view that Peter's contribution on the pitch "was not what we wanted," as the side slid down the First Division table.

Indeed, David Peach, signed shortly before Osgood, feels that Peter's presence for the last ten games of that slide into Division II made matters worse, as a struggling side "had to change the way we played to accommodate" Peter's particular style.

But Peach's observation that Osgood would make a "helluva" contribution during the rest of his stay is consistent with McMenemy's



**OLD PALS ACT:** Peter Osgood, right, comes face to face with his ex-Chelsea friend Ron Harris at The Dell in 1974.



**GREAT SKILL:** Peter Osgood, second right, watches Jim McCalliog score at Bradford in 1976.

explanation to Peter that he would be central to his "five-year plan... I'm going to build a side around you."

Given that he had Mick Channon and Terry Paine, a surprised Peter "thought that was fantastic."

Instant relegation was not, of course, part of that plan, and Ossie, who had never played in the Second Division before, confessed, in his autobiography, that he "really noticed the drop in class and was not very happy most of the time."

Yet it seems to be generally agreed that he rose to the challenge, even if his strike-rate wasn't what it used to

be. He liked to blame that on Channon who "was not as generous with his passes as the people I was used to playing off."

Peter claimed that, when confronted on the matter, Mick admitted that, "Ossie, when I see the whites of them goal-posts, ... I just have to go for it."

Be that as it may, McMenemy would come to play Peter deeper, with Bobby Stokes the unlikely target-man.

Which explains why Osgood, who had scored in every round when Chelsea won the FA Cup in 1970, was not among the scorers when he

gained his second winners' medal in 1976.

His flick up for Jim McCalliog's free-kick in the sixth round at Bradford was, however, a most memorable contribution to the Cup-run – an unrehearsed moment, Channon suggests in *Tie A Yellow Ribbon*, typical of the fact that "none of us ever knew what anyone was going to do."

Ossie reckoned that Southampton's win "meant more" to him than winning with Chelsea.

That's because "Wembley is special" and it was not the same to win the Cup, and be presented with it, in

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## Saints Spotlight

## FOR PETE'S MUM...

## Did You Know?

## TOP TEN WORLD RANKINGS

## Golf (men)

- 1 Tiger Woods ..... USA
- 2 Adam Scott ..... Australia
- 3 Henrik Stenson ..... Sweden
- 4 Phil Mickelson ..... USA
- 5 Justin Rose ..... England
- 6 Rory McIlroy ..... Northern Ireland
- 7 Matt Kuchar ..... USA
- 8 Steve Stricker ..... USA
- 9 Brandt Snedeker ..... USA
- 10 Jason Dufner ..... USA

## Snooker (men)

- 1 Mark Selby (below) ..... England
- 2 Mark Williams ..... Wales
- 3 John Higgins ..... Scotland
- 4 Ding Junhai ..... China
- 5 Neil Robertson ..... Australia
- 6 Shaun Murphy ..... England
- 7 Ali Carter ..... England
- 8 Judd Trump ..... England
- 9 Stephen Maguire ..... Scotland
- 10 Graham Dutt ..... Scotland



## Tennis singles (men)

- 1 Rafael Nadal ..... Spain
- 2 Novak Djokovic ..... Serbia
- 3 David Ferrer ..... Spain
- 4 Andy Murray ..... Great Britain
- 5 Juan Martin Del Potro ..... Argentina
- 6 Roger Federer ..... Switzerland
- 7 Tomas Berdych ..... Czech Republic
- 8 Stanislas Wawrinka ..... Switzerland
- 9 Richard Gasquet ..... France
- 10 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga ..... France

## Tennis singles (women)

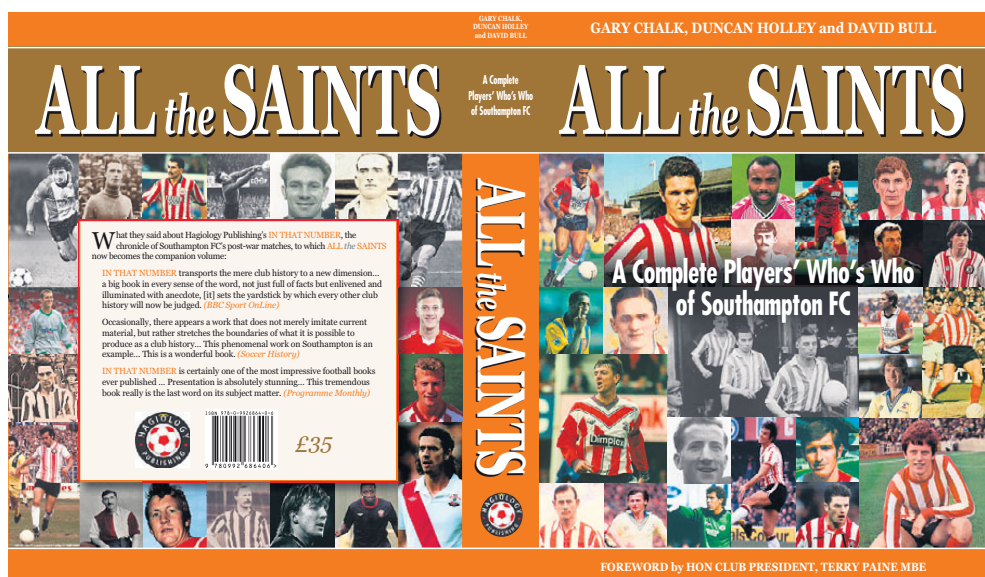
- 1 Serena Williams ..... USA
- 2 Victoria Azarenka ..... Belarus
- 3 Li Na ..... China
- 4 Maria Sharapova ..... Russia
- 5 Agnieszka Radwanska ..... Poland
- 6 Petra Kvitová ..... Czech Republic
- 7 Sara Errani ..... Italy
- 8 Jelena Jankovic ..... Serbia
- 9 Angelique Kerber ..... Germany
- 10 Caroline Wozniacki ..... Denmark

## Test cricket batsmen

- 1 AB de Villiers ..... South Africa
- 2 Hassan Amla ..... South Africa
- 3 Shiv Chandrapaul ..... West Indies
- 4 Michael Clarke ..... Australia
- 5 Kumar Sangakkara ..... Sri Lanka
- 6 CCheteshwar Pujara ..... India
- 7 Misbah-ul-Haq ..... Pakistan
- 8 Graeme Smith ..... South Africa
- 9 Younis Khan ..... Pakistan
- 10 Alistair Cook ..... England

## Test cricket bowlers

- 1 Dale Steyn ..... South Africa
- 2 Vernon Philander ..... South Africa
- 3 Rangera Herath ..... Sri Lanka
- 4 Saeed Ajmal ..... Pakistan
- 5 Ravichandran Ashwin ..... India
- 6 Ryan Harris ..... Australia
- 7 Stuart Broad ..... England
- 8 Peter Siddle ..... Australia
- 9 Pragyan Ojha ..... India
- 10 Graeme Swann ..... England



## Every Saint chronicled in new book

IT MARKED the evening when every Saints player was present, some in person, some in spirit, but every single one was there in writing, recorded in Hagiology's new book *All the Saints*, which was launched last night, **writes PETER HOWARD.**

The book, pictured above, which chronicles every Southampton player since the club's inception in 1885, was celebrated by the authors Gary Chalk, Duncan Holley and David Bull with the help of a plethora of former Saints stars.

Already having sold about 1,500 copies the book, made with help of the Ex-Saints Association, headed by Mike Thew, is the result of six-years of hard graft by the writers and designers.

"Sometimes when you write a book about a football club it's just about the club and the players aren't involved but this is differ-

*All the Saints* is a 532-page full-colour publication available, at £35, from nine Waterstones branches in the area, or online at [hagiologists.com](http://hagiologists.com). The following signing sessions have been confirmed:

**Thursday, December 5:** Swan Centre, Eastleigh (midday) – Matt Le Tissier signing.

**Thursday, December 5:** Waterstones, Above Bar, Southampton (7pm) – An Evening with Mick Channon.

**Friday, December 6:** Waterstones, Newport, Isle of Wight (midday) – signing by 1976 FA Cup winners Jim Steele and Hugh Fisher, joined by 1984 semi-finalist Mark Dennis.

**Friday, December 6:** Waterstones, The Brooks, Winchester (4.30 pm) – signing by 1976 FA Cup-winners Nick Holmes and Hugh Fisher.

**Thursday, December 12:** Waterstones, Chantry Way, Andover (1 pm) Nick Holmes signing.

**Friday, December 13:** Waterstone's, West Quay, Southampton (11am) – Matt Le Tissier signing.

ent," Holley said. "This is a book about the players and that's why it is important they are here tonight, every player wanted to be involved in the book and every single one is in it.

"The turnout is brilliant; they had to open up an extra room to let everyone in," he added.

Chalk described the book as a family tree of Saints players

through the ages.

"The whole book is based around family history really, we had to find snippets from the Echo, I used to spend hours trawling through the archives there," he said.

"Everything you find you then follow up, it takes a meticulous amount of research, the time we spent researching was endless."

"Kerry", after his idol, Kerry Dixon.

## DOUG MCGIBBON

How Saints would love to have their own Doug McGibbon against Chelsea this weekend.

McGibbon's is far from the most well-known name in the club's history, but he does have the distinction of having scored six times in a single game against the Blues, in the middle of the transitional 1945-46 season, while Saints were still playing "unofficial" matches in the War League South:

On 29 December 1945, aircraft engineer McGibbon set out for The Dell, on his Rudge Whitworth



**FLASHBACK:** Peter Sillett on his wedding day in 1954.

a replay at Old Trafford, as happened in 1970 – no matter that Peter had scored for Chelsea in that replay v Leeds United.

## PETER CROUCH

Many people might not know that Crouch, who grew up as a Chelsea fan, was named after Peter Osgood.

Fewer still will realise that the striker once named a pet after his own Blues hero, as this snippet from *All the Saints* details:

*Cheshire-born Peter Crouch grew up in Ealing as a fourth-generation Chelsea fan. Having been named after his dad's idol, Peter Osgood, Peter in turn named his rabbit*



## Sports Quiz

- 1 Which Bundesliga side play their home games at the Rhein-Neckar-Arena?
- 2 Julien Ingrassia was the co-driver for which World Rally Championship driver this season?
- 3 The Cavaliers are an NBA franchise based in which city?
- 4 Who are the defending Big Bash League champions in Australian domestic cricket?
- 5 Chelsea midfielder Oscar, right, began his professional career at which club?
- 6 West Brom signed Shane Long from which club?
- 7 Who was the European captain for the Ryder Cup at The K Club in 2006?
- 8 In what year did Jonathan Trott make his Test debut?
- 9 Who are the only team to win back-to-back Super Bowls this century?
- 10 How many times did Boris Becker win Wimbledon?
- 11 From which club did Manchester United sign Denis Irwin for #625,000 in 1990?
- 12 What nationality is golfer Branden Grace?
- 13 Which city will host the 2018 Youth Olympic Games?
- 14 For which franchise has David Warner played Indian Premier League cricket?
- 15 Which Ligue 1 side play their home games at the Stade Geoffroy-Guichard?
- 16 During his playing career Tony Pulis represented clubs from England, Wales and which other country?
- 17 In snooker, who won the 2012 UK Championship?



- 18 How many Test centuries has Jonathan Trott scored?
- 19 West Brom striker Shane Long started his senior career at which club?
- 20 Perri Shakes-Drayton is the reigning European indoor champion over which distance?
- 21 Which football team are managed by Diego Simeone?
- 22 Who is the only India player in the top ten of the ICC world rankings for Test batsmen?
- 23 Which side has won the most NBA titles?
- 24 In which city is Eden Park stadium?
- 25 How many Formula One world titles did Alain Prost win?

## ANSWERS

1 Hoffenheim; 2 Sebastian Ogier; 3 Cleveland; 4 Brisbane; 5 Sao Paulo; 6 Reading; 7 Heat; 8 2009; 9 New Zealand; 10 Three; 11 England; 12 Ireland; 13 Glasgow; 14 Pune; 15 Arsenal; 16 Tottenham; 17 Mark Selby; 18 Irish; 19 Cork; 20 Reading; 21 Atletico Madrid; 22 Chelsea; 23 Boston Celtics; 24 Auckland; 25 Four.

## Saints Spotlight



# Is this the greatest modern times ...?

**From farce, Fialka and the edge of oblivion ... now and again we need to remind ourselves of the remarkable Saints journey ...**



## IT IS, by any stretch of the imagination, a truly remarkable tale.

The story of Southampton FC over the last ten years contains more twists and turns – as Edmund Blackadder once said – than a twisty-turny thing.

The *Southern Daily Echo* recently ran a story revealing that a stage production of the club is in the planning stage for Guildhall Square sometime next year.

Some fans would no doubt have thought a soap opera would be more apt.

But even the more outlandish scripts of *Eastenders*, *Coronation Street* and *Emmerdale* would struggle to come up with a plot containing an emotional rollercoaster to rival the recent fortunes of an extraordinary football club.

Now and again, as supporters continue to stare at the current Premier League table with a mixture of wonderment and bewilderment, it is worth reminding ourselves of the journey that Saints have undertaken to get into the top five in one of the best leagues on the planet.

If not the best league, though La Liga and Serie A would almost certainly have their own views on that.

Just over a decade ago, in December 2003, Saints were sitting pretty in fourth place in the Premier League.

They had just handed out a 3-0 pre-Christmas beating to arch rivals Portsmouth at a packed out St Mary's.

The memories of an FA Cup final trip to the Millennium Stadium – where Saints fans easily won the singing contests in the stands, even if their team had lost to Arsenal on the pitch – were still deliciously fresh.

All seemed well in the world.

Now, almost ten years later, Saints are still surprising the glamour boys.

Southampton Football Club in a Champions League place! Call Rupert

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Murdoch quickly!

This was never part of the grand plan, to make the rich so much richer and to hell with the rest of the footballing pyramid!

Of course, the Saints story in between was not one of continued success.

Allow me to borrow another of Blackadder's famous quotations, but Saints have not often dropped icecubes down the vests of the big boys in the last decade.

Instead, there were two calamitous relegations.

There were boardroom coups, false dawns aplenty.

The oft-criticised Rupert Lowe regime were forced out by a group led by a Jersey-based businessman, Michael Wilde, who in the end didn't have the money or backing he had heavily hinted at.

There was administration, and for several weeks the real chance that Saints would cease to exist.

By that stage, to many Saints were a laughing stock.

A manager totally out of his depth in the second tier of English football, Jan Poortvliet, was appointed, handed a team containing a large amount of untried and inexperienced youngsters, and told to do the best he could.

Poortvliet was happy to pose for pictures as James Bond and enjoyed sitting in air ambulances, as Saints plummeted headlong towards League 1.

The club couldn't even organise a decent statue of one of their legends, Ted Bates, without it descending into farce. And hands up who remembers Micky Fialka, a London-

**FAMOUS VICTORY:**  
Just three years after Saints were a third tier club, Dejan Lovren gave them victory at Anfield.

**JUNIOR FOOTBALL - SEE PAGES 36, 37, 40 & 41**



# Saints Spotlight



## football story of



**FARCE:** Jan Poortvliet poses as James Bond and, left, the first Ted Bates statue.

coming in 1988 when they stunned Liverpool to win the FA Cup.

Possibly Northampton, who went from the fourth tier to the first and back again between 1961-1969 but, unlike Swansea, never topped the entire Football League and last just one season in the top flight sun.

Possibly Wolves, who won the League Cup in 1980 – the same year they finished sixth in the top flight – but, six years later, were down in the fourth division and losing to Chorley in the FA Cup.

I can't think of many after that with a story to match Saints' in the emotional rollercoaster department.

The rehabilitation of Saints as a footballing force started with the lifting of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in March 2010.

OK, it was only the third and fourth division cup – but if it didn't matter at all, why did more than 50,000 Saints fans party at the national stadium?

That was followed by back to back promotions, catapulting managerless Saints from losing 2-0 at home to Rochdale – as they did in September 2010 – back to the Premier League just under two incredible years later.

And almost half the team are still the same as during the League 1 days.

Rickie Lambert, Adam Lallana, Jose Fonte, Morgan Schneiderlin ... they can all remember Rochdale doing the double over Saints.

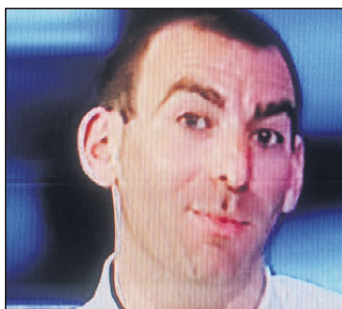
Since leaving the third tier far behind, the club have shattered their transfer record four times in signing Jay Rodriguez, Gaston Ramirez, Victor Wanyama and Dani Osvaldo.

Osvaldo cost more on his own to sign than Saints had turned over in the financial year 2009/10!

Last April people probably laughed when the likes of Pochettino, Artur Boruc and Terry Paine said Saints were capable of claiming a European spot in the not too distant future.

They might have been the same people who mocked the club when the first Ted Bates statue went up and Micky Fialka was exposed for what he wasn't.

But with Saints flying high, who's laughing now?



**FARCE:** Micky Fialka was exposed by the *Daily Echo*.

division, before suffering financial problems which then, equally as rapidly, dumped them back where they came from.

Probably Wimbledon, who were only promoted to the Football League in 1977 – and then only after narrowly pipping Minehead to the Southern League title – and nine years later reaching the first division.

During that nine years they had been relegated back to the fourth division twice!

With a run-down ground and small attendances, the Dons not only stayed in the top flight but prospered – their zenith

based businessman who was unveiled on Sky TV as the cash behind a supposed £14m Pinnacle bid before a *Daily Echo* investigation into his background revealed he was a letting agent whose mum ran an underwear shop?

Though eventually Markus Liebherr appeared as the white knight to save the club, Saints still started a third division season rock bottom with a minus ten point deduction.

That was, lest we forget, just over four years ago.

Time flies, doesn't it?

Since those dark days – and, let's be fair, they don't come much darker than the Fialka fiasco – the transformation has been even more stunning

than the fall from grace was.

The story of Saints in the last decade has to be one of the most amazing in post-war football history.

There are not many clubs with one to rival it.

Probably Swansea, who started May 1978 as a fourth division club and by the summer of 1986 were still there.

However, in between, the Swans had motored all the way to the top of the first

## Cricket Stats

### The Don's dominant

Australia's top five Ashes innings

**1 Don Bradman (334, Headingley, July 1930)**

Along with England's Wally Hammond (113), Bradman was one of only two players who reached three figures in this Test.

**2 Bob Simpson (311, Old Trafford, July 1964)**

As they already held the Ashes, Australia only needed to draw to retain them. Simpson batted for 13 hours, hitting 23 fours in the process and facing a mammoth 743 balls.

**3 Bob Cowper (307, Melbourne, February 1966)**

Cowper's monumental knock came in an Australian total of 543. Boasting an impressive home Test average of 75.78, Cowper 'only' managed 42.45 abroad.

**4 Don Bradman (304, Headingley, July 1934)**

Surpassing 13,000 first-class runs, Bradman scored his triple hundred after coming in at 3-39. William Ponsford helped him put on an Ashes fourth-wicket partnership record of 338 runs in 330 minutes.

**5 Don Bradman (270, Melbourne, January 1937)**

After being dismissed in the first innings for 13, Bradman shared a huge 334 run partnership with Jack Fingleton as their country won by a massive margin of 365 runs.

### Brill Bob

Australia's top five Ashes bowling figures

**1 Bob Massie (16-137 (8-84, 8-53), Lord's, June 1972)**

With an average of just 8.5 runs per wicket, the 1972 Lord's test will go down in history as Massie's match. His second innings 8-53 helped rout England for 116. It still stands as the best-ever match figure at Lord's – not bad for a Test debut!

**2 Frederick Spofforth (14-90 (7-46, 7-44), Oval, August 1882)**

The match that started it all. With a publication of a satirical obituary stating that English cricket had died, and the body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia, the English media then dubbed the next English tour to Australia in 1882-83 as the quest to regain The Ashes. Spofforth collected 7-46 off 36.3 overs on day one, which included 18 maidens. He continued his form in the second innings, claiming 7-44.

**3 Monty Noble (13-77 (7-17, 6-60), Melbourne, January 1902)**

Having come in at five and been bowled first ball, Noble produced sensational figures of 7-17 from just 7.4 overs to set up an Australian win by 229 runs.

**4 Hugh Trumble (12-89, (6-59, 6-30), Oval, August 1896).**

Despite Trumble's best efforts, Australia still lost by 66 runs.

**5 Clarrie Grimmett (11-82, (5-45, 6-37), Sydney, February 1925)**

A debut to remember, Grimmett helping Australia to a 307-run victory.

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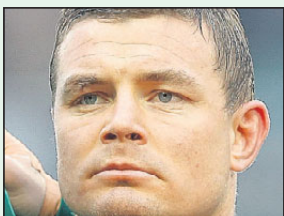


## Sports Quiz



DALE STEYN

- 1 Which Football League team play their home matches at Greenhous Meadow?
- 2 Nigel Davies is the director of rugby at which Aviva Premiership side?
- 3 South Africa fast bowler Dale Steyn has played for which two County Championship teams?
- 4 NBA side the Grizzlies are based in which city?
- 5 Who was the last non-European Formula One world champion?
- 6 Name all four clubs for which Daniel Sturridge has played in his senior career.
- 7 Which US city was this week confirmed as the latest to be awarded a Major League Soccer franchise?
- 8 Alex Goode plays for which Aviva Premiership rugby side?
- 9 What nationality is golfer Jason Day?
- 10 Which two baseball teams contested this year's World Series?
- 11 Chelsea trio Lucas Piazon, Patrick van Aanholt and Gael Kakuta are on loan at which Dutch club?
- 12 Brian O'Driscoll equalled whose record of 128 caps for Ireland in Sunday's match against New Zealand?
- 13 At which stadium do Paris St Germain play their home matches?
- 14 How many times have Durham won the County Championship?
- 15 Which was the only Grand Slam singles title Monica Seles did not win?
- 16 Who is manager of League Two side York City?
- 17 Which county cricket side play some of their home matches at Aigburth?
- 18 Dai Young is the director of rugby at which Aviva Premiership team?
- 19 Who are the only side to beat the San Francisco 49ers in their six Super Bowl appearances?
- 20 Who are the four Spanish players in the top 20 of the ATP Rankings?



BRIAN O'DRISCOLL

## ANSWERS

- 1 Shrewsbury; 2 Gloucester; 3 Essex and Warwickshire; 4 Memphis; 5 Jacques Villeneuve; 6 Manchester City, Chelsea, Bolton and Liverpool; 7 Orlando; 8 Saracens; 9 Australian; 10 The Boston Red Sox and the St Louis Cardinals; 11 Vitesse Arnhem; 12 Roman O'Garra; 13 Parc des Princes; 14 Three; 15 Wimbledon; 16 Nigel Worthington; 17 Lancashire; 18 Wasp; 19 Baltimore Ravens (2013); 20 Rafael Nadal, David Ferrer, Nicolas Almagro and Tommy Robredo.

## Saints Spotlight

## SAINTS' BRIDGE OF



GOAL: Danny Wallace fires Saints' second goal in their 2-0 win at Chelsea in March 1985.



ON THE ATTACK: David Puckett (above left) and Danny Wallace at Stamford Bridge in 1985.



CUP SUCCESS TOO! Saints celebrate in front of their supporters after winning through to the ZDS Cup final at Stamford Bridge in February 1992.

**SAINTS can travel to Stamford Bridge this weekend knowing the west London venue is one of their happier top flight hunting grounds.**

Unlike trips to Arsenal, where Saints have now won only twice in 37 attempts, the club have a much better win venue across the capital at the Blues.

Saints have managed eight top flight wins in 31 visits to Chelsea.

Prior to the introduction of the Premier League in 1992, the club's record at Stamford Bridge was very good indeed.

Saints won six, drew five and lost seven of their 18 First Division games at the venue.

Since the Premier League began, though, they have won just twice in 13 attempts, losing seven of them.

Saints will also travel this weekend aware of Jose Mourinho's remarkable record as Chelsea boss.

In 66 league games in charge of the club, he has never lost – winning 51 of them and drawing 15.

Taking into account his managerial spells at Inter Milan and Real Madrid in between his two stints at Stamford Bridge, Mourinho has only lost three of 160 league games.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks back at Saints' top flight record at Chelsea.

#### January 7, 1967 Chelsea 4 Saints 1

Tommy Baldwin scored twice in the first half as the Londoners completed the double over Saints in the latter's first ever top flight season, having previously won 3-0 at The Dell. John Boyle and Bobby Tambling also netted. Denis Hollywood replied late on.

#### September 2, 1967 Chelsea 2 Saints 6

Ron Davies belted four goals as Chelsea conceded six at home in a league game for the first time in the club's history.

He plundered a hat-trick inside the first 27 minutes before future Saint Peter Osgood reduced the arrears shortly into the second half.

Martin Chivers weighed in with a brace before Osgood grabbed his second of the afternoon.

Davies completed his amazing display by heading in a late Terry Paine cross - his third header of the game.

#### November 16, 1968 Chelsea 2 Saints 3

Saints claim a second victory at Stamford Bridge in as many years. Mick Channon and Ron Davies score, with a John Hollins own goal in between. Tommy Baldwin and Alan Birchenall reply.

#### December 26, 1969 Chelsea 3 Saints 1

Ian Hutchinson scored twice as Chelsea claimed victory. John Hollins also scored with Mick

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## Saints Spotlight

## HIGHS (AND LOWS)



**GOAL:** Alan Shearer, above, wheels away after putting Saints ahead at Stamford Bridge in 1991.

**BELOW:** Action from Saints' win at Stamford Bridge in 1991. **RIGHT:** With the fans fenced in, Mick Mills skips past a challenge from Keith Dublin during Saints' win at Chelsea in March 1985.



Channon replying late on.

**October 31 1970**  
**Chelsea 2 Saints 2**

Mick Channon twice fired Chelsea ahead, on 10 and 80 minutes, with John Hollins and Keith Weller replying – the latter five minutes

from time.

**October 23 1971**  
**Chelsea 3 Saints 0**

Saints were beaten with Tommy Baldwin, Steve Kember and midfielder John Hollins – yet again – on target.



**April 23, 1973**  
**Chelsea 2 Saints 1**

Ted Bates fielded a very young side, including seven players aged 22 or under.

He handed league debuts to Steve Mills, Terry Spinner (who would only play once for the first team)

and a first league start to Bill Beane. Saints went ahead through Joe Kirkup, only for Chelsea to hit back thanks to second half goals from Mike Brolly and John Hollins, the latter scoring at home to Saints for the fourth season running.

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## BOOK of the WEEK

**Andy Murray, Seventy-Seven: My Road to Wimbledon Glory**  
Sports book of the month price:  
£7.20 saving £12.90 on rrp

GOOD jokes always bear repetition and even the taciturn, tousle-haired teenager must have forced a grin the first time a voice in the frustrated crowd at SW19 yelled in his direction: "C'mon, Tim!"

From the moment he first emerged as Britain's next great white hope, Andy Murray was inevitably compared with his predecessor Tim Henman.

The intense burden of expectation proved too much for the nice boy next door from Oxford, who reached four semi-finals and four quarter-finals at Wimbledon.

For several years, and for all his natural talent, flashes of questionable temperament and sudden loss of nerve suggested the Scot might be destined to fall short too. How those cries of "C'mon, Tim!" grated.

When Andy met Ivan, everything started to change for the 2013 BBC Sports Personality of the Year elect. And if you need reminding of how many years it is since a British tennis player previously won the Wimbledon men's title, there it is in the title.

We will never know whether Murray would have made it all the way to the top without Lendl.

And while he is prepared to concede: "I made the right call in December 2011, I couldn't have done this without him, we have

become an excellent partnership," the world No.4 is not shy claiming he feels he has been equally good for the Czech, a man who won eight Grand Slams.

Witness

these comments: "Ivan might do a great job with me and not do so well if he moves on to someone else one day," and "It's nice for him to be around people in the sport again. He's enjoyed that because he was away from the scene for a long time."

Murray doesn't do modesty – false or otherwise. But then he's got a great deal to be proud of.

This is a beautifully illustrated heavyweight work, benefiting enormously from the sure hand of Neil Harman, *The Times* tennis correspondent.

Murray was on fire this year and the point is reinforced by the jacket photograph of him holding a flaming racket.

Now that the monkey is off his back, Murray should be able to relax and achieve more.

He hedges his bets, however: "For the most part I'm happy never to have to deal with that kind of expectation again. That should help me, but I have always played my best tennis when there has been additional pressure so you never know."

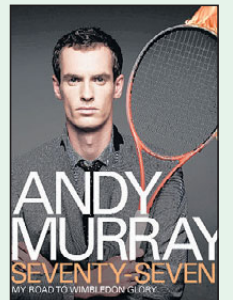
When the chips are down, it will be Lendl's job to re-emphasise what Murray appreciates: "When you become a professional it isn't about enjoying yourself any more. It's about winning."

Murray's life has been forensically examined in the wake of his gold medal performance at the 2012 Olympics, followed by glory at the US Open and then Wimbledon.

And there are few startling revelations here. Best simply to kick back this winter, feel the warmth of that blazing racket and relive the year of his life.

Let's have another Wimbledon crown next summer.

"C'mon, Andy!"



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## Did You Know?

### BBC Overseas Sports Personality of the Year – the last 5 winners

#### 2008: Usain Bolt (Athletics)

Took golds at the Beijing Olympics in the 100m, 200m and the 4x100m relay – setting world records in each event.

#### 2009: Usain Bolt (Athletics)

Beat his own world record in the 100m with a staggering 9.58s at the World Championships in Berlin, while also claiming gold in the 200m.

#### 2010: Rafael Nadal (Tennis)

Reclaimed the World Number One spot after winning the US Open, the French Open and Wimbledon.

#### 2011: Novak Djokovic (Tennis)

Won Wimbledon, the Australian Open and the US Open to become World Number One.

#### 2012: Usain Bolt (Athletics)

After winning gold in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay at the London 2012 Olympics, Bolt became the most decorated Olympic sprinter in history.

### BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year – the last 5 winners

#### 2008: Eleanor Simmonds (Swimming)

Aged 14, she became Britain's youngest ever Paralympian to win gold in the individual competitions.

#### 2009: Tom Daley (Diving)

Won the men's 10m platform at the World Championships, and at 15 became England's youngest world champion at any sport.

#### 2010: Tom Daley (Diving)

Won two gold medals at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in the 10m platform and the synchro events.

#### 2011: Lauren Taylor (Golf)

Broke a 112-year old record when she won the Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship, the youngest ever winner at 17.

#### 2012: Josef Craig (Swimming)

Team GB's youngest Paralympian gold medalist with victory in the 400 metre freestyle S7 aged 15.

### BBC Sports Personality Team of the Year – the last 5 winners

#### 2008: GB Olympic Cycling Team

Won 14 medals at the Beijing Olympics – eight gold, four silver and two bronze as they topped the cycling medal table.

#### 2009: England Cricket Team

Made up for the 2007 Ashes white-wash in Australia by reclaiming the famous urn with a 2-1 series win.

#### 2010: EU Ryder Cup Team (Golf)

Defeated America 14½ to 13½ for their fourth consecutive tournament victory on 'home' soil.

#### 2011: England Cricket Team

Completely erased those 2007 memories with a 3-1 Ashes series win in Australia, retaining the urn for the first time since 1987.

#### 2012: Team GB at both the Olympics & Paralympics (Athletics)

Came third overall in the Olympics with 65 medals, 29 of them gold, while the Paralympians also came third, racking up 120 medals (34 gold)

## Saints Spotlight

# OSSIE AND KERRY –

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November 24, 1973

Chelsea 4 Saints 0

Paul Benett's fourth minute own goal put Chelsea in front, and further goals came in the second half through Steve Kember (2) and Chris Garland.

March 13, 1976

Chelsea 1 Saints 1

Mick Channon fired Saints ahead just after the hour, only for Steve Finnieston to equalise two minutes later.

October 30, 1976

Chelsea 3 Saints 1

Saints lost despite taking the lead through Ted MacDougall 17 minutes from time. For the second time that year, Chelsea levelled within two minutes – through Kenny Swain – before Steve Finnieston and Ray Wilkins gave the Blues victory.

April 14, 1979

Chelsea 1 Saints 2

Ex-Saint Peter Osgood lines up against his former club in one of his last games of his second spell at Stamford Bridge.

Saints are 2-0 up inside 20 minutes thanks to David Peach (penalty) and Nick Holmes, with Gary Stanley grabbing a second half consolation.

March 9 1985

Chelsea 0 Saints 2

Second half goals from David Armstrong (penalty) and Danny Wallace give Saints victory.

September 14, 1985

Chelsea 2 Saints 0

Future Saint Kerry Dixon and Paul Canoville were on target for Chelsea.

April 20, 1987

Chelsea 1 Saints 1

Colin Clarke nets a 74th minute leveller after Pat Nevin had put the Blues ahead, in front of a crowd of only 11,512.

March 26, 1988

Chelsea 0 Saints 1

Graham Baker grabs the only goal while a teenage Alan Shearer comes off the bench to make his competitive debut for the club.

November 18, 1989

Chelsea 2 Saints 2

Matt Le Tissier's double - in the 44th and 66th minutes - puts Saints in control. But future Dell defender Ken Monkou replies in the 74th minute and Clive Wilson levels 60 seconds later.

March 23, 1991

Chelsea 0 Saints 2

Alan Shearer opens the scoring on 24 minutes before Matt Le Tissier doubles the lead just before the hour mark.

February 12 1992

Chelsea 1 Saints 1

A remarkably low crowd of just 7,148 watch ex-Saint Andy Townsend score a 74th minute equaliser for Chelsea. Barry Horne



**MY BALL:** Joe Jordan and Danny Wallace both look to claim possession during Saints' win at Chelsea in 1985.

**ACTION:** Rod Wallace, right, and Jimmy Case, below, at Stamford Bridge in March 1991.



had put Saints ahead on 56 minutes.

December 26 1992

Chelsea 1 Saints 1

Saints are two minutes away from another victory before Eddie

Newton levels. Iain Dowie had put Saints ahead on three minutes.

April 2 1994

Chelsea 2 Saints 0

John Spencer puts Chelsea ahead a

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## Saints Spotlight

## IN BLUES' LINE-UP

## Cricket Stats

## Aussies in Ashes

## ENGLAND'S TOP FIVE ASHES INNINGS

**1 Len Hutton (364, The Kennington Oval, August 1938)**  
The last Ashes test before World War Two was the stuff of dreams for statisticians. With the hosts needing to win to square the series, they did so in fine fashion. Australia mounted little resistance to England's 903-7 declared, crashing to an innings and 579-run defeat. Hutton batted for 13 hours, hitting 35 fours in the process.

**2 Reginald Foster (287, Sydney, December 1903)**  
The first Test of the tour saw Foster make an immediate impact on his debut, his runs coming off 419 balls and setting a record that lasted for 26 years. His contribution helped England score 577 and eventually win.

**3 Ken Barrington (256, Old Trafford, July 1964)**  
His marathon 624-ball innings was Barrington's first Test century in England, having hit nine abroad. England scored 611 in reply to Australia's 656 for eight declared to secure a draw.

**4 Wally Hammond (251, Sydney, December 1928)**  
The 1928 Wisden Cricketer of the Year hit 30 fours on the way to his double century. After entering the crease at 37-1, Hammond reached 251 before Bert Ironmonger dismissed him. The tourists would go on to win the Test and the series 4-1.

**5 Wally Hammond (240, Lord's, June 1938).**  
Only facing 394 balls, Hammond's 240 was lighting fast at the time.

## Rout led by Jim

## ENGLAND'S TOP FIVE ASHES BOWLING FIGURES

**1 Jim Laker (19-90 (9-37, 10-53), Old Trafford, July 1956)**  
Laker's 9-37 in the first innings help rout the tourists for just 84.

**2 Hedley Verity (15-104 (7-61, 8-43), Lord's, June 1934)**  
Verity remains the only player to bag 14 wickets in a day in Test cricket.

**3 Wilfred Rhodes (15-124 (7-56, 8-68), Melbourne, January 1904)**

**4 Alec Bedser (14-99 (7-55, 7-44), Trent Bridge, June 1953)**

**5 William Bates (14-102 (7-28, 7-74), Melbourne, 1883)**  
One of the earliest memorable Ashes bowling displays, Bates achieved the first ever Test hat-trick from an England player when he dismissed Percy McDonnell, George Giffin and George Bonner in the first innings. He then became the first player to score a fifty and take ten or more wickets in the same Test.



**SHOOTING STAR:** Rod Wallace goes for goal in Saints' 2-2 draw at Chelsea in November 1989.

**HAPPY CLAPPER:** Alan Shearer celebrates Saints' ZDS Cup semi-final win at Stamford Bridge in 1992.



**GOAL:** Future Saint Ken Monkou (far left) celebrates his goal in November 1989.

minute before half-time, and Erland Johnson bags a late second.

**April 12 1995**  
**Chelsea 0 Saints 2**

Neil Shipperley makes a superb return to Stamford Bridge. Signed

from Chelsea only a few weeks earlier, the striker nets a 10th minute opener before Matt Le Tissier seals victory in the second half.

**September 16, 1995**  
**Chelsea 3 Saints 0**

Three late goals condemn Dave Merrington's Saints to defeat.

Frank Sinclair opens the scoring 16 minutes from time before Ruud Gullit and Mark Hughes add further goals in the last two minutes.

**March 19, 1997**  
**Chelsea 1 Saints 0**

Gianfranco Zola conjures up a 22nd minute decider.

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## Ten get a nomination, but only one man will win

THE ten nominees for the prestigious BB Sports Personality of the Year Award were named this week.

But do they all deserve to be in the running for the famous award, to be presented on December 15?

Christian Brown gives his verdict...

**Sir Ben Ainslie (sailing)** – The Lymington-based star completely changed Oracle Team USA's fortunes in the America Cup, playing his part in what has since been called the 'greatest comeback in sailing history.' Another string for the Knight's bow.

**Ian Bell (cricket)** – While Bell was an instrumental part in England winning the summer Ashes, his form in the first test against Australia recently will have done him no help whatsoever.

**Hannah Cockroft (Wheelchair Athletics)** – Remarkably won both the 100m and 200m for wheelchair racing at this year's World Championships, setting a Championship record in the 100m in the process.

**Mo Farah (Athletics)** – Only the second man in history to do the 'double-double' – winning the 5,000m and 10,000m at both the Olympics and the following World Championships. Seemingly guaranteed at least second place.

**Andy Murray (Tennis)**

– Despite all the other achievements, it would be an absolute travesty if Murray didn't win the coveted prize. Failure to do so would probably cause an uprising in Scotland. He became the first British male to win Wimbledon in 77 years, so is a shoe-in for the award.



ANDY MURRAY

**Chris Froome (Cycling)** – Became the second Briton in as many years to win the Tour de France. Not his fault, or fair, that this will probably go unnoticed following Lance Armstrong's revelations.

**Leigh Halfpenny (Rugby Union)** – Rightfully claimed the Man of the Series title during the British & Irish Lions' victorious tour of Australia. Broke several individual records, including the highest amount of points kicked by a Lion over a series with 49.

**AP McCoy (Horse Racing)** – The 18 time champion jockey surpassed even his own exceptionally high standards by winning his 4,000th race. Deserves to be in the top three.

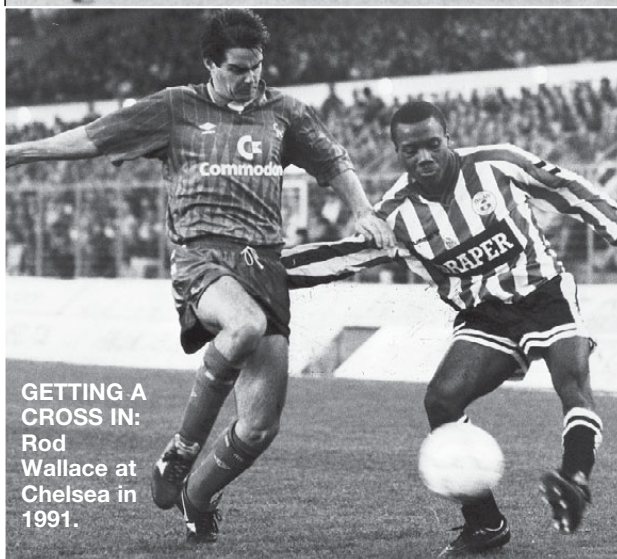
**Christine Ohuruogu (Athletics)** – A highly controversial one given her previous issues relating to drugs, where she missed no less than three doping tests in 2006. Despite overcoming her bans to win several accolades, including 400m gold at this year's World Championships, she has no right whatsoever to be on this list.

**Justin Rose (Golf)** – The Hampshire man fully justifies his nomination after becoming the first Englishman for 43 years to win the US Open, which just so happened to be his maiden Major title.

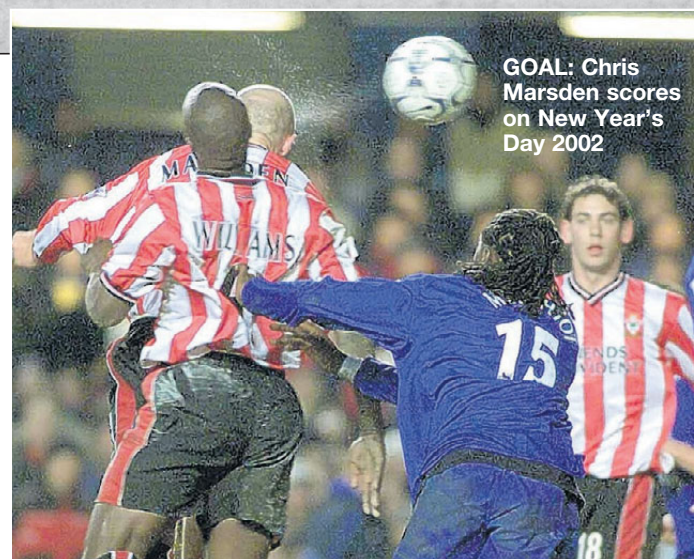
## Saints Spotlight

# BEATTS SHOWS HOW

CELEBRATION TIME: Saints fans after their club's win at Chelsea in 1995



GETTING A CROSS IN: Rod Wallace at Chelsea in 1991.



GOAL: Chris Marsden scores on New Year's Day 2002

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**August 30, 1997**  
**Chelsea 4 Saints 2**

Chelsea blitz Saints were four goals inside the opening 33 minutes, including three in a devastating six-minute spell.

Dan Petrescu, later to sign for Saints, nets in the seventh minute before Kevin Davies equalises in the 24th minute.

Parity is restored for only three minutes before Frank Lebouef puts Chelsea ahead.

Mark Hughes, also later to sign for Saints, and Dennis Wise - who started his career at The Dell - pile on the

agony for the visitors before Ken Monkou reduces the arrears against his former club.

**February 6 1999**  
**Chelsea 1 Saints 0**

Yet again, Gianfranco Zola grabs an early winner, in the 11th minute.

**March 25, 2000**  
**Chelsea 1 Saints 1**

Glenn Hoddle returned to Stamford Bridge as a manager for the first time since leaving the Blues in the summer of 1996 to take over the England job. Jo Tessem put Saints ahead on 68 minutes, but Dean Richards put through his own net

seven minutes later.

**April 14 2001**  
**Chelsea 1 Saints 0**

Gus Poyet grabbed the only goal two minutes before half-time.

**January 1 2002**  
**Chelsea 2 Saints 4**

James Beattie scored twice as Saints inflicted only second home defeat of the season on the Blues.

Beattie opened the scoring on seven minutes before Chelsea hit back to lead at half-time through Eidur Gudjohnsen and Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink.

Marian Pahars levelled on 56 min-

utes before Chris Marsden restored Saints' lead by heading in.

Beattie completed the scoring in the 73rd minute for a Saints side who had lost seven of their ten away league games prior to the game.

**December 26, 2002**  
**Chelsea 0 Saints 0**

**May 1 2004**  
**Chelsea 4 Saints 0**

Martin Cranie, then just 17, scored an own goal on his Premier League debut as Paul Sturrock's men suffered an end-of-season thrashing.

Cranie's unfortunate moment, just before the hour mark, opened the

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# Saints Spotlight



## Did You Know?

### BBC SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR WINNERS

- 1954: Christopher Chataway (Athletics)
- 1955: Gordon Pirie (Athletics)
- 1956: Jim Laker (Cricket)
- 1957: Dai Rees (Golf)
- 1958: Ian Black (Swimming)
- 1959: John Surtees (Motorbikes)
- 1960: David Broome (Show Jumping)
- 1961: Stirling Moss (Formula One)
- 1962: Anita Lonsborough (Swimming)
- 1963: Dorothy Hyman (Athletics)
- 1964: Mary Rand (Athletics)
- 1965: Tom Simpson (Cycling)
- 1966: Bobby Moore (Football)
- 1967: Henry Cooper (Boxing)
- 1968: David Hemery (Athletics)
- 1969: Ann Jones (Tennis)
- 1970: Henry Cooper (Boxing)
- 1971: HRH Princess Anne (Eventing)
- 1972: Mary Peters (Athletics)
- 1973: Jackie Stewart (Formula One)
- 1974: Brendan Foster (Athletics)
- 1975: David Steele (Cricket)
- 1976: John Curry (Figure Skating)
- 1977: Virginia Wade (Tennis)
- 1978: Steve Ovett (Athletics)
- 1979: Sebastian Coe (Athletics)
- 1980: Robin Cousins (Figure Skating)
- 1981: Ian Botham (Cricket)
- 1982: Daley Thompson (Athletics)
- 1983: Steve Cram (Athletics)
- 1984: Torvill & Dean (Figure Skating)
- 1985: Barry McGuigan (Boxing)
- 1986: Nigel Mansell (Formula One)
- 1987: Fatima Whitbread (Athletics)
- 1988: Steve Davis (Snooker)
- 1989: Nick Faldo (Golf)
- 1990: Paul Gascoigne (Football)
- 1991: Liz McColgan (Athletics)
- 1992: Nigel Mansell (Formula One)
- 1993: Linford Christie (Athletics)
- 1994: Damon Hill (Formula One)
- 1995: Jonathan Edwards (Athletics)
- 1996: Damon Hill (Formula One)
- 1997: Greg Rusedski (Tennis)
- 1998: Michael Owen (Football)
- 1999: Lennox Lewis (Boxing)
- 2000: Steve Redgrave (Rowing)
- 2001: David Beckham (Football)
- 2002: Paula Radcliffe (Athletics)
- 2003: Jonny Wilkinson (Rugby)
- 2004: Kelly Holmes (Athletics)
- 2005: Andrew Flintoff (Cricket)
- 2006: Zara Phillips (Eventing)
- 2007: Joe Calzaghe (Boxing)
- 2008: Chris Hoy (Cycling)
- 2009: Ryan Giggs (Football)
- 2010: Tony McCoy (Horse Racing)
- 2011: Mark Cavendish (Cycling)
- 2012: Bradley Wiggins (Cycling)

# TO BEAT THE BLUES

**SUPER SUB:** Rickie Lambert scores at Stamford Bridge last season just three minutes after coming on as a sub.



**LEVELLER:** Jason Puncheon, below, equalises at Stamford Bridge last season. Below – Matt Le Tissier at Chelsea in 1991.



floodgates with Frank Lampard striking twice in the 75th and 83rd minutes and Glen Johnson adding a fourth on 85 minutes.

**August 28, 2004**  
**Chelsea 2 Saints 1**

A bitter-sweet afternoon for James Beattie. After putting Saints ahead inside 13 seconds of the kick off, Beattie then put through his own net for Chelsea's 34th minute leveller. A Frank Lampard penalty four minutes before half-time settled matters.

**January 16, 2013**  
**Chelsea 2 Saints 2**

Saints extend their unbeaten

Premier League run to five games with a superb come-from-behind draw at the reigning European champions.

Not that it saved Nigel Adkins from the sack just two days later.

Chelsea led 2-0 at half-time with Demba Ba and Eden Hazard on target. Rickie Lambert was introduced as a 55th minute sub for Jay Rodriguez, and within three minutes he had headed Saints back into the game.

Jason Puncheon grabbed a 75th minute leveller.

● Saints have a 25.8 per cent win percentage on their top flight league visits to Stamford Bridge.

That is one of the best records Saints possess, and in stark contrast to their record at Arsenal of just two victories in 37 attempts with a desultory win percentage of 5.4.

Saints' best win record at any of their current 19 top flight rivals is a 31.3 success rate at Sunderland.

Their record at Manchester City is also exceptionally good, with a win record of 29.6 per cent.

Here is Saints' top flight record at all their current league rivals.

	P	W	Win%
Arsenal	37	2	5.4%
Aston Villa	28	6	21.4%
Cardiff City	0	0	0%

Chelsea	31	8	25.8%
Crystal Palace	13	2	15.4%
Everton	36	5	13.9%
Fulham	7	0	0%
Hull City	0	0	0%
Liverpool	37	4	10.8%
Manchester City	27	8	29.6%
Manchester United	37	3	8.1%
Newcastle United	26	3	11.5%
Norwich City	20	2	10%
Stoke City	16	4	25%
Sunderland	16	5	31.3%
Swansea City	3	0	0%
Tottenham Hotspur	36	7	19.4%
West Bromwich	21	3	14.3%
West Ham United	28	7	25%

**FULL CHELSEA MATCH REPORT AND REACTION IN MONDAY'S ECHO**



# Saints Spotlight

**ASMIR Begovic's recent 'freak' first minute goal for Stoke was the earliest strike the club have ever conceded in a league game.**

The Stoke keeper scored after just 13 seconds with a wind-assisted goal kick that bounced over opposite number Artur Boruc.

Here, *the Sports Pink* looks at the first minute goals that have occurred in previous Saints' matches.

**August Scott (Saints 4 Newcastle 2, The Dell, March 13, 1948)**

Scott's strike helped Saints on their way to a 3-0 lead inside seven minutes, Charlie Wayman scoring the other two early strikes.

**Doug Blair (Cardiff 2 Saints 2, Ninian Park, October 14, 1950)**

Saints fell 2-0 down before hitting back for a point.

**Eric Day (Saints 2 Manchester City 2-1, The Dell, April 14, 1951)**

Day's early strike set Saints on their way to victory over second-placed City.

**George Curtis (Sheffield United 2 Saints 2, Bramall Lane, December 8, 1951)**

Curtis' early strike gave Saints a surprise draw, considering the Blades were flying high and Saints had lost four of their previous six games.

**Oscar Hold (QPR 2 Saints 1, Loftus Road, March 8, 1952)**

The rock bottom hosts got off to a perfect start, and later grabbed an 82nd minute winner.

**Eric Day (Saints 3 QPR 1, The Dell, September 9, 1953)**

Saints moved to the top of the table thanks to Day's 30-second strike.

**Tommy Fowler (Northampton 3 Saints 0, County Ground, October 17, 1953)**

Fowler scored from the penalty spot after Stan Clements was penalised for handball.

**Harold Dobbie (Saints 2 Torquay 2, The Dell, October 24, 1953)**

Remarkably, Saints conceded in the first minute a week after doing the same at Northampton.

**Tommy Mulgrew (Saints 6 Brentford 4, The Dell, Aug 21, 1954)**

Mulgrew netted on his debut after only 15 seconds!

**Jim Towers (Saints 1 Brentford 1, The Dell, March 10, 1956)**

The very next season, it's Brentford's turn to score in the first minute.

**Ron Newman (Coventry 2 Saints 0, Highfield Road, March 17 1956)**  
Saints were again on the end of back-to-back first minute goals.

**Don Dorman (Saints 3 Walsall 1, The Dell, April 13, 1957)**

Having fallen behind early on, Saints hit back to win.

**Jimmy Shields (Saints 3 Newport County 0, The Dell, May 4 1957)**  
Shields' half-shot from 25 yards rolls past an unsighted keeper.

**Derek Reeves (Saints 7 Norwich City 3, The Dell, December 14, 1957)**

After Reeves opened the scoring, Don Roper doubled the advantage after just three minutes and slid home a third on

# STRIKERS DREAM



**A LIKING FOR EARLY GOALS:** Saints striker George O'Brien, above left.

**EARLY STRIKE:** Billy Sharp scores at Middlesbrough.

12 minutes.

**Arthur Longbottom (QPR 3 Saints 2, Loftus Road, January 18, 1958)**

Longbottom netted with a shot from outside the area.

**George O'Brien (Swindon 0 Saints 3, County Ground, February 27, 1960)**

Unmarked on the edge of the area, O'Brien scores early on as Saints take another step towards the Division 3 South title.

**George O'Brien (Saints 3 Cardiff 5, The Dell, October 31, 1962)**

Nearly three years on and O'Brien nets another in rapid fashion. He later completed a hat-trick, but Cardiff hit back from 0-2 down to win.

**Ron Saunders (Portsmouth 2 Saints 0, Fratton Park, September 28, 1963)**

The man who went on to manage Aston Villa to the First Division title in 1980/81 grabs an early derby strike.

**John McGuigan (Scunthorpe 1 Saints 2, Old Show Ground, February 22, 1964)**

Martin Chivers set up McGuigan for his early goal. Scunthorpe levelled three minutes later with Chivers grabbing an eventual winner on 13 minutes.

**George O'Brien (Swindon 2 Sants 1, County Ground, October 13, 1964)**

O'Brien scores a second first minute goal at The County Ground in four years.

**George O'Brien (Saints 4 Charlton 0, The Dell, February 27, 1965)**

It's that man again, O'Brien netting his fourth first minute strike for Saints. O'Brien would go on the score all four.

**Anthony Knapp OG (Saints 9 Wolves 3, The Dell, September 18, 1965)**

In hindsight, Knapp can take comfort that the game is remembered for its score-line rather than his own-goal.

**John Bowers (Saints 1 Derby 3, The Dell, January 29, 1966)**

Following goalkeeper Campbell Forsyth's wayward punch, Bowers latched on to the error to slot in from close range.

**Bobby Charlton (Saints 1 Manchester United 2, The Dell, November 11, 1966)**

Charlton scored both United's goals either side of a Ron Davies leveller.

**Steve Earle (Saints 4 Fulham 2, The Dell, March 25, 1967)**

Eric Martin conceded inside the first minute of his home debut for Saints.

**Martin Chivers (Saints 1 Liverpool 0, The Dell, September 16, 1967)**

Chivers scored the winner inside 30 seconds against the team who had started the day top of the table.

**Jack Charlton OG (Saints 1 Leeds 3, The Dell, August 10, 1968)**

Charlton followed his brother's example of scoring a first minute goal at The Dell - unfortunately for him it was in his own net in the first game of the season.

**Mike Channon (Saints 1 Wolves 2, The Dell, October 10, 1970)**

Ron Davies flicked on a cross for Channon to score. Davies missed a penalty shortly after and Wolves hit back to win.

**Mike Channon (Saints 2 Birmingham 0, The Dell, March 17, 1973)**

Channon headed in a Terry Paine free-kick.

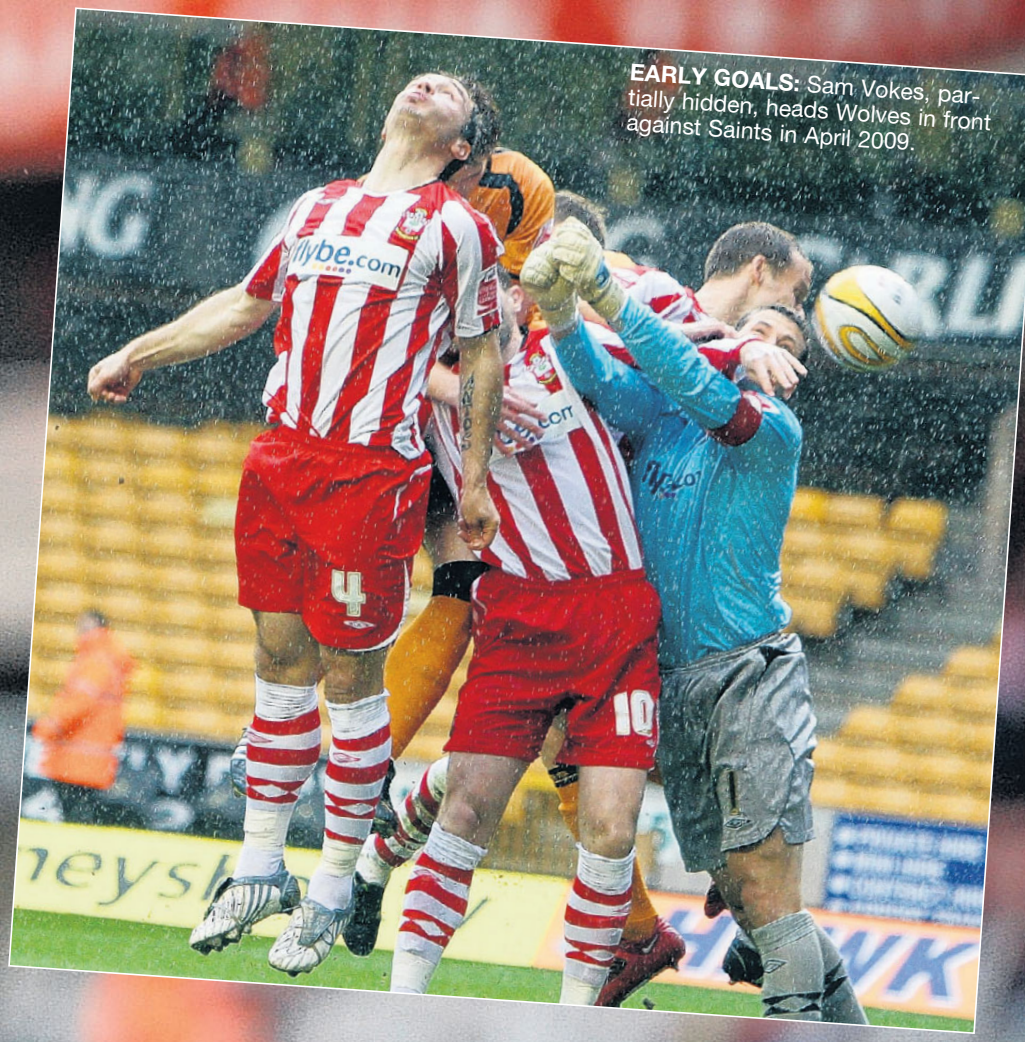
**Paul Gilchrist (Saints 2 Norwich City 2, The Dell, September 4, 1973)**

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# Saints Spotlight

## OF QUICKFIRE GOAL



**EARLY GOALS:** Sam Vokes, partially hidden, heads Wolves in front against Saints in April 2009.

Hugh Fisher's cross was headed in by an unmarked Gilchrist, who later also scored in the 89th minute to salvage a point.

**Graham Baker** (Saints 2 Blackpool 0, The Dell, November 12, 1977)  
On his league debut, Baker crashed a low show in from the edge of the area.

**Ted MacDougall** (Saints 3 Cardiff City 1, The Dell, December 26, 1977)  
MacDougall netted after Phil Boyer's shot was blocked.

**John Wark** (Saints

**4 Ipswich 3, The Dell, March 10, 1981**  
Ward scored on 27 seconds, but Dave Armstrong's brace helped Saints recover to win.  
Frank Worthington (Leeds 1 Saints 3, Elland Road, April 17 1982)  
Future Saint Worthington scored early on, but Kevin Keegan hit two as Lawrie McMenemy's men stormed back.

**Mark Hateley** (Saints 1 Coventry 1, The Dell, January 15 1983)  
The future Pompey and England striker netted after just 14 seconds.

**Joe Jordan** (Saints 2 Norwich City 2-1, The Dell, September 15, 1984)  
Jordan headed in a Mick Mills free-kick.

**Derek Mountfield** (Everton 2 Saints 2, Goodison Park, September 22, 1984)  
Saints conceded in the first minute a week later, the defender netting on 50 seconds.

**Glenn Cockerill** (Saints 2 Everton 3, The Dell, November 30, 1985)  
Just over a year later and Cockerill fired a great shot past Neville Southall.

**Gordon Hobson** (Saints 5 Aston Villa 0, The Dell, March 21, 1987)  
Villa were relegated a few weeks later.

**Danny Wallace** (Everton 4 Saints 1, Goodison Park, October 8, 1988)  
Danny was set up by his brother Rod to head in from close range.

**Rod Wallace** (West Ham 1 Saints 2, Upton Park, April 15, 1989)  
Running through the defence from kick-off, Rod dummied the keeper before scoring a great solo goal.

**Rod Wallace** (Aston Villa 1 Saints 2, Villa Park, May 2 1989)  
Another away win and another first minute Wallace goal.

**Richard Shaw** og (Saints 3 C Palace

**2, The Dell, November 23, 1990)**  
Shaw's attempting back pass missed his keeper and rolled into an empty net.

**Alan Shearer** (QPR 2 Saints 2, Loftus Road, September 7, 1991)  
Tim Flower's long kick found Ian Dowie, who set up Shearer for a first time shot.

**Matt Le Tissier** (Saints 4 Liverpool 2, The Dell, February 2, 1994)  
Le Tissier struck from 20 yards in what was Alan Ball's first home game as Saints boss.

**Matt Le Tissier** (Saints 3 Crystal Palace 1, May 3, 1995)  
Le Tissier opened the scoring after 45 seconds.

**Ryan Giggs** (Manchester United 4 Saints 1, Old Trafford, November 18, 1995)  
Beaten by that season's eventual champions, Giggs scored a brace

against Saints within four minutes of the start.

**Gordon Watson** (Saints 2 Everton 2, The Dell February 3, 1996)  
A neat pass from Mark Walters led to Watson chipping Saints into a 45-second lead.

**Marc Degryse** (Saints 0 Sheffield Wednesday 1, The Dell, March 20, 1996)  
Degryse's strike turned out to be the winner.

**Steffen Iversen** (Spurs 3 Saints 1, White Hart Lane, December 26, 1996)  
Iversen's goal came after 54 seconds.

**Ruud van Nistelrooy** (Manchester United 6 Saints 1, Old Trafford, December 22, 2001)  
The first of a superb hat-trick, van Nistelrooy's goal was the start of a ruthless display from the hosts.

**James Beattie** (Chelsea 2, Saints 1, Stamford Bridge, August 28, 2004)  
Just one second slower than Begovic's effort, Beattie dispatched a right-footed shot from around 25 yards which sailed over Petr Cech.

**Phil Bardsley** og (Burnley 1 Saints 1, Turf Moor, March 28, 2006)  
Within 40 seconds, ex-Claret Richard Chaplow found Alexander Ostlund, whose cross was deflected first off Grzegorz Rasiak and then Burnley's right-back Bardsley.

**Marek Saganowski** (Saints 1 Ipswich 0, St Mary's, February 24, 2007)  
Bagging the only goal after 54 seconds, the on-loan Saganowski picked out the bottom corner with a wonderful glancing header to convert Gareth Bale's free-kick.

**Sam Togwell** (Barnsley 2 Saints 2, Oakwell, December 29, 2007)  
A cross from Jamal Campbell-Ryse had the Saints defence panicking and Togwell volleyed a shot over Kelvin Davis to score within just 16 seconds.

**Darren Powell** (Saints 2 QPR 3, St Mary's, February 9, 2008)  
A free-kick was given after the QPR keeper, Lee Camp, had handled the ball outside of his area. With the resulting set-piece whipped in from the left wing, a scramble saw Powell credited with the goal.

**Dexter Blackstock** (QPR 4 Saints 1, Loftus Road, September 14, 2008)  
After Saints failed to clear a Gavin Mahon long throw, their former striker Blackstock had time to steady himself a volley home from just ten yards out.

**Sam Vokes** (Wolves 3 Saints 0, Molineux, April 10, 2009)  
Forcing a quick corner, Daniel Jones delivered a pin-point cross that Lymington-raised ex-Cherries striker Vokes met in a crowded goalmouth with a powerful close range header after 39 seconds.

**Billy Sharp** (Middlesbrough 2 Saints 1, Riverside Stadium, April 21, 2012)  
Adam Lallana cushioned a header into the path of Rickie Lambert, whose first touch was poor but his second was deadly, threading the ball into the path of Sharp who couldn't miss.  
Saints would have won promotion had they claimed three points, but Boro hit back.

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## QUOTES of the week

"England are on the back foot. It does look like they've got scared eyes at the moment. The way that Trotty got out today was pretty poor, and pretty weak. Obviously, there's a weakness there at the moment – and we're probably on top of it" – **David Warner analyses England's weakness after day three of the Ashes Test at the Gabba.**

"I don't feel it is right that I'm playing knowing that I'm not 100 per cent and I cannot currently operate on the level that I have done in the past. My priority now is to take a break from cricket so that I can focus on my recovery. I want to wish my team-mates all the very best for the remainder of the tour" –

**Jonathan Trott announces he is leaving England's tour of Australia due to a stress-related illness.**

"I think players commenting about fellow professionals in the media is disrespectful. I think on this occasion he has got that horribly wrong. I think we set different standards to that and one of the reasons we don't like commenting about opposition players is because we don't know what is going on in their dressing room, we don't know what is going on in their private lives" – **England director of cricket Andy Flower was not impressed with Warner's comments.**

"Get ready for a f\*\*\*\*\* broken arm" – **Michael Clarke warns James Anderson about the potential for injury from a Mitchell Johnson delivery – a comment he would be fined for by the ICC.**

"He got booed into the arena and he's getting cheered out of it. But let's not forget who won here.

It was a very educated decision. I get stuck in and that's why everybody loves me. I gave everyone entertainment and I can't be held responsible for what the referee did" – **Carl Froch, above, feels loved after a controversial stoppage handed him a contentious victory over George Groves.**



"Because he's got this warrior image, he got the benefit of the doubt. Because I've got this chippy image it was stopped prematurely, in my opinion. I know I'm going to be a great fighter. I had it taken away from me tonight. I'll come back better and stronger, and I hope I get that chance" – **Groves believes reputation rather than performance was an over-riding factor in his ninth-round stoppage.**

"I can keep this very short. We have to take it smack on the chin. The referee has lost concentration or not seen it. It is not a red card, that's all you can say. Brown's gone in hard but he's entitled to do that. As a refereeing body you have to take that smack on the chin" – **former Premier League referee Dermot Gallagher believes Kevin Friend made a mistake in sending-off Sunderland defender Wes Brown in Saturday's game at Stoke.**

"I would like the referees' association (the Professional Game Match Officials Board) to apologise to me this time. They did it last week. I think it is fair – they called a British manager and I think it is time for them to call a foreign manager. Then, the referee will have said it was not a red card and I don't need to appeal" – **Sunderland boss Gus Poyet feels he's owed an apology after Kevin Friend's controversial sending-off of Wes Brown.**

## Saints Spotlight



# SAINTS: THE NEXT

**MAURICIO Pochettino has been busy talking up Saints' academy in recent weeks – but how are the next generation of St Mary's starlets getting on?**

The Premier League under-21 team have played a handful of games since the middle of August, with inconsistent results.

In addition, they also suffered a shock 2-0 exit at League 2 club Exeter City in the last 32 of the inaugural Premier League Cup.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at the under-21s' season so far.

### Liverpool 3 Saints 4

Omar Rowe and Jake Sinclair both scored twice as Saints began their season with an exciting victory.

Sinclair grabbed a second-half winner after the teams had gone in at half-time level at 3-3.

Saints fell behind early on when Jack Dunn beat Jack Stephens before firing low into the bottom corner past Will Britt.

Saints drew level when Corby Moore's cross into the Liverpool area was stabbed home from close range by Rowe.

Stephens' through ball set up Sinclair to put Saints ahead, and it was 3-1 when Rowe netted again from close range after a Moore shot had been parried.

The hosts reduced the arrears on 38 minutes when Jordan Turnbull was penalised for a foul and Vilyan Bijev converted a penalty.

A mix up involving Britt Isaw Kristoffer Peterson level, scoring into an empty net.

**Saints:** Will Britt, Matt Young, Jack Stephens, Jordan Turnbull, Jason McCarthy, Harrison Reed, Jake Flannigan, Corby Moore, Jake Sinclair, Ryan Seager, Omar Rowe. Subs not used: Harry Isted, Fraser Colmer, Bevis Mugabi, Jamal Branker.

### Saints 1 Chelsea 4

Omar Rowe fired Saints ahead in the first half at St Mary's direct from a free-kick.

Lewis Baker provided a dead-ball equaliser for Alex Davey before Isaiah Brown gave the Blues the lead with his second in as many games.

Baker added a direct free-kick strike of his own in the second half before substitute Islam Feruz struck late on from distance.

Saints welcomed Cody Cropper and Jordan Turnbull back into the fold after international duty, and included Lloyd Isgrove from the off after a

pre-season spent with the first team.

Lively forwards Rowe and Jake Sinclair – younger brother of former Chelsea player Scott – linked up in attack while Isgrove and Corby Moore took care of the creative play behind them.

**Saints:** Cody Cropper, Matt Young, Jordan Turnbull, Jack Stephens (c), Matt Targett, Harrison Reed, Jack Flannigan, Lloyd Isgrove (Ryan Seager 65), Corby Moore, Omar Rowe, Jake Sinclair. Subs not used: Johns, Colmer, Branker, McCarthy

### Reading 3 Saints 2

Gozie Ugwu scored twice late on, including a last-minute winner, to leave Saints stunned.

Saints had fallen behind to a Jake Cooper goal, but led at half-time thanks to Jake Flannigan and Jake Sinclair.

The latter scored from the penalty spot after Ryan Seager had been fouled.

Reading levelled in controversial circumstances 12 minutes from time as Ugwu scored a spot-kick after sub Andy Robinson was harshly penalised for a foul in the area.

Ugwu then shrugged off Matt Young before finishing smartly past Saints goalkeeper Chris Johns, a Northern Ireland Under-19 international, just seconds before the final whistle.

He shepherd the ball out of play but he was pursued by UGWU, who snatched possession and burst into the box before slotting confidently past Johns to wrap things up for the Royals.

**Saints:** Chris Johns, Matt Young, Jason McCarthy, Jordan Turnbull (c), Matt Targett, Corby Moore, Jake Flannigan, Ryan Seager, Josh Sims (Andy Robinson 61), Jake Sinclair, Sam Gallagher. Subs not used: Cody Cropper (GK), Fraser Colmer, Jamal Branker, Bevis Mugabi.

### Saints 0 Sunderland 3

Saints suffered a third successive loss at Staplewood. George Honey-

man scored the first two goals with Michael Mandron completing the victory.

**Saints:** Cody Cropper, Jason McCarthy, Jack Stephens, Jordan Turnbull, Matt Targett, Corby Moore (Andy Robinson 46),

**STEPPING UP:** Harrison Reed played for Saints in the Capital One Cup match against Bristol City.

## CHELSEA v SAINTS MATCH REPORT, REACTION, PICTURES



## Saints Spotlight

## GENERATION



Harrison Reed, Lloyd Isgrove, Omar Rowe, Ryan Seager, Jake Sinclair (Jake Flannigan 46). Subs not used: Chris Johns, Fraser Colmer, Bevis Mugabi.

**Leicester 0 Saints 1**

Forgotten striker Lee Barnard scored the only goal eight minutes into the second half.

Along with Paulo Gazzaniga and Tadanari Lee, Barnard was one of three senior players drafted into the side after a difficult start to the new Barclays U21 Premier League campaign.

And the trio brought an added level of experience as the development squad ground out their second victory of the season.

**Saints:** Paulo Gazzaniga, Jason McCarthy, Jack Stephens (c), Jordan Turnbull, Matt Targett, Harrison Reed, Jake Flannigan, Lloyd Isgrove (Jake Sinclair 27), Tadanari Lee (Corby Moore 46), Omar Rowe, Lee Barnard. Unused substitutes: Cody Cropper (GK), Fraser Colmer, Bevis Mugabi.

**Saints 3 Aston Villa 1**

Omar Rowe, pictured below, opened the scoring seven minutes before the interval.

Kevin Toner's own-goal doubled Saints lead, before Daniel Johnson brought Villa back into the game.

Defender Jordan Turnbull headed in Saints third towards the end.

For the second game running, boss Martin Hunter called on the experience of strikers Lee Barnard and Tadanari Lee.

**Saints:** Chris Johns, Jason McCarthy, Jack Stephens, Jordan Turnbull, Matt Targett, Harrison Reed, Jack Flannigan, Tadanari Lee (Corby Moore), Jake Sinclair, Lee Barnard, Omar Rowe (Ryan Seager). Subs not used: Will Britt (GK), Fraser Colmer, Bevis Mugabi.

**Middlesbrough 3 Saints 1**

Saints fell behind after 16 minutes to a Richard Smallwood goal.

Jake Flannigan and Omar Rowe went close to levelling but were denied by Boro's over-age stopper Dimitrios Konstantopoulos.

Rowe levelled on 23 minutes with his fifth goal of the season.

Boro were back in front three minutes into the second half through striker Luke Williams.

Argentinian playmaker Emmanuel Ledesma – another over-age player in the hosts' team – added a third on 56 minutes.

It could have been worse for Saints but Cody Cropper saved Ledesma's spot-kick.

**Saints:** Cody Cropper, Jason McCarthy, Jack Stephens (c), Jordan Turnbull, Fraser Colmer (Matt Young 86), Harrison Reed, Jake Flannigan (Dominic Gape 49), Lloyd Isgrove, Tadanari Lee, Jake Sinclair (Ryan Seager 60), Omar Rowe. Subs not used: Will Britt (GK), Jamal Branker.

**Saints 2 Blackburn 2**

Tadanari Lee netted twice as Saints were involved in their first draw of the Under-21 League season.

Playing in such a low-key game at Staplewood was probably not what Lee was expecting after

he had scored Japan's winner in the 2011 Asian Cup final.

But the striker has struggled to get much game time after suffering an injury early on in his Saints career.

Lee twice put Saints ahead against Rovers, in the 40th and 55th minutes.

Blackburn replied the first time through Hugo Fernandez Molina.

After Lee had restored Saints' lead three minutes later, Rovers equalised for a second time when Jordan Turnbull was penalised for a foul and O'Sullivan scored from the spot past Paulo Gazzaniga.

**Saints:** Paulo Gazzaniga, Calum Chambers (Jason McCarthy 80), Matt Targett, Harrison Reed, Jack Stephens (c), Jordan Turnbull, Lloyd Isgrove, Jake Flannigan, Tadanari Lee, Ryan Seager (Dominic Gape 87), Omar Rowe (Jake Sinclair 53). Subs for used: Cody Cropper (GK), Andy Robinson.

**Exeter City 2 Saints 0 (Premier League Cup)**

Jordan Turnbull gave away another penalty as the Grecians sent Saints crashing out of the first ever Premier League U21 Cup.

The hosts included ex-Saints defender Danny Butterfield as an over-age player, though he only played the first half.

Both goals came in the second period, where Saints went close when Jake Sinclair hit the bar.

Jimmy Keohane put City ahead and, after Turnbull was penalised for a foul, Jake Gosling completed the surprise scoreline.

**Saints:** Cody Cropper, Jason McCarthy, Matt Targett, Harrison Reed, Jack Stephens, Jordan Turnbull, Jake Sinclair, Andy Robinson (Dominic Gape), Sam Gallagher, Jake Flannigan (Ryan Seager), Omar Rowe. Subs not used: Moore, Britt, Young.

**West Brom 1 Saints 3**

Saints ended West Brom's six-match winning streak with a 3-1 victory.

Aaron Birch put the hosts ahead but Sam Gallagher's brace, followed by a penalty from Scott Sinclair's brother Jake, secured all three points for the visitors.

**Saints:** Cropper; Young, Stephens, Turnbull, Targett; Reed (Flannigan 90); Sinclair, Seager (Johns 88), Robinson, Rowe; Gallagher. Subs not used: Moore, Colmer, McCarthy.

**SAINTS' REMAINING PREMIER LEAGUE UNDER-21 FIXTURES**

Dec 13	.....Stoke (A)
Jan 13	.....Man Utd (H)
Jan 20	.....Bolton (A)
Feb 3	.....Fulham (H)
Feb 10	.....Arsenal (A)
Feb 14	.....West Ham (A)
Feb 28	.....Tottenham (H)
Mar 7	.....Man City (A)
Mar 24	.....Norwich City (H)
Mar 31	.....Everton (A)
Apr 5	.....Newcastle United (H)

## QUOTES of the week

"To lose 6-0 is extremely embarrassing. We have high expectations for the season and losing to a rival by that scoreline is always difficult. A defeat like this tends to stick more to your career than the good things you achieve" – **Tottenham boss Andre Villas-Boas** considers his long-term reputation after the drubbing at Manchester City.

"I am immune (to criticism) right now. I used to read a lot into situations like this, into pressure points when I was at Chelsea, but not any more. I am very indifferent" – **Villas-Boas** insists he has become too thick-skinned to worry about any criticism of his regime.

"I would love to manage Spurs one day. I will have my UEFA A licence in the next eight months. If you become a manager one day the obvious thing is to manage a club you like, you know and you love" – **David Ginola** reveals his plans to manage Tottenham.

"I do think he kicked out from where I was, but I think the way game's going, I didn't want him sent off really because it's becoming less and less of a physical game and I think we need to keep some of that in the game for the enjoyment of the fans. I think it's nice to have a bit of that going on" – **Cardiff defender Ben Turner** defends the robust approach after **Wayne Rooney** is only booked for kicking out at Jordon Mutch.

"Just watched game back. I agree mine was bad tackle and ref dealt with it. And Martin Tyler didn't shut up about it all game. Then someone slaps someone in face and he doesn't speak a word about it" – **Wayne Rooney**, right, criticising television commentator **Martin Tyler** after watching his kick on Cardiff's **Jordon Mutch** in the 2-2 draw, in a game that also saw **Gary Medel** raise his hands to the face of Manchester United's **Marouane Fellaini**.

"I have seen Kevin for a few years and he looks a real honest player but if you look at it in every way, real time and slow motion, it is a bad challenge. He caught him on the back of his knee and that can end your career" – **Liverpool boss Brendan Rodgers** believes **Kevin Mirallas'** challenge on **Luis Suarez** could have had serious repercussions.

"One day when I have less hair and I'm more chubby it's probably something nice to look back on" – **Sebastian Vettel** is looking forward to reflecting on a 2013 season that brought a fourth consecutive world title and nine consecutive wins to take his seasonal tally to 13.

"I'm pretty devastated. We gave it everything we had. To be so close yet so far away at the end is horrible. I actually felt the best team lost. To lose in the last 20 seconds is a killer. I don't think by any means we had the game won but I felt we were in control" – **Kevin Sinfield** can't hide his disappointment after England's World Cup semi-final heartbreak.

"We were in possession with a minute to go. To be a minute away from history and have the ball in your hands on their 10-metre line, well it's devastating. You don't get too many opportunities to play the All Blacks and to stop them doing something that's pretty special. It would have been a feather in our caps to be the ones to knock them over" – **Joe Schmidt** reflects after Ireland were denied a first-ever win over New Zealand with the last kick of the Test.

AND ANALYSIS IN MONDAY'S DAILY ECHO



## Did You Know?

### SAINTS' POST-WAR SEASON GOAL TALLIES

Second Division	
1946/47	69
1947/48	71
1948/49	69
1949/50	64
1950/51	66
1951/52	61
1952/53	68

Division 3 South	
1953/54	76
1954/55	75
1955/56	91
1956/57	76
1957/58	112
1958/59	88
1959/60	106

Second Division	
1960/61	84
1961/62	77
1962/63	72
1963/64	100
1964/65	83
1965/66	85

First Division	
1966/67	74
1967/68	66
1968/69	57
1969/70	46
1970/71	56
1971/72	52
1972/73	47
1973/74	37

Second Division	
1974/75	53
1975/76	66
1976/77	72
1977/78	70

First Division	
1978/79	47
1979/80	65
1980/81	76
1981/82	72
1982/83	54
1983/84	66
1984/85	56
1985/86	40
1986/87	69
1987/88	49
1988/89	52
1989/90	71
1990/91	58
1991/92	39

Premier League	
1992/93	54
1993/94	49
1994/95	61
1995/96	34
1996/97	43
1997/98	50
1998/99	37
1999/00	45
2000/01	40
2001/02	46
2002/03	43
2003/04	44
2004/05	45

Championship	
2005/06	49
2006/07	77
2007/08	56
2008/09	46

League 1	
2009/10	85
2010/11	86

Championship	
2011/12	85

Premier League	
2012/13	49

# Premiership Spotlight



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**YAYA Toure is targeting Chelsea's record Premier League goals haul of 103 after revealing Manchester City's 6-0 thrashing of Tottenham was inspired by manager Manuel Pellegrini's pre-match team talk.**

City's biggest ever win over Spurs means they have belted an incredible 24 goals in six home league fixtures this season.

Their overall tally stands at 34, which has them on track to eclipse Chelsea's total from their 2009-10 title-winning campaign.

Not bad for a team that has recorded just one victory on their travels this term and were beaten at rock-bottom Sunderland a fortnight ago.

It was that shock defeat at the Stadium of Light that triggered those words of wisdom from Pellegrini.

Toure knows City have to improve on the road, and next weekend's trip to St Mary's will be intriguing for the side newly installed as Premier League favourites.

"The manager's speech before the game was unbelievable," said Toure.

"It is always difficult when you lose a game like we did at Sunderland. It is hard for the players.

"Football is so strange.

"But we have come together as a team because we want to regain the Premier League."

Goals will not be a problem as long as Sergio Aguero maintains his present form.

The Argentina star is top of the scoring charts with ten, having bagged another brace at the Etihad Stadium, while strike partner Alvaro Negredo is not far behind on six.

"I hope so," said Toure, when asked about emulating Chelsea's massive total.

### Unbelievable

"We have the strikers. The two guys up front are unbelievable."

Indeed, they are the best in the business according to Jesus Navas, who kick-started his season with a two-goal haul against Spurs, including a 14-second opener.

"They are the best in the league," said Navas.

"They are scoring very easily at the moment. The Premier League suits their style.

"Aguero is in really good shape. We all know about his capabilities.

"And I am not surprised about Negredo because I already knew how good he was.

"He has always loved contact with defenders so this is the perfect league for him."

For his part, Toure, pictured right, was keen to point out City are not a two-man team, with Edin Dzeko and Stevan Jovetic both eager to play a part too.

Having played a central role in the Blues' first title since 1968 when they won the championship in such thrilling style with virtually the last kick of the 2011-12 season, Toure knows hammering teams on home soil alone will not be enough to get



**VOLLEY GOOD SHOW:** Manchester City's Alvaro Negredo scores against Tottenham

the job done.

No side has won the Premier League after losing four of their opening 11 games but City are now favourites to do exactly that.

However, the Ivorian accepts an improvement in that abysmal away form must come quickly.

"At the moment it is quite difficult but we will try to find a way," he said.

"At home we are very prolific. Away is more difficult.

"Either the referee is not fine or the fans or the opponent try to make it hard.

"That is part of football. That is

the Premier League. That is why it is the best league in the world.

"We are trying to find a good balance because we have to come back. It is very important to start winning away from home."

The situation might not look quite so strange if City had lost to teams at the forefront of the battle for honours.

Other than Chelsea, that has not been the case, with Cardiff, Aston Villa and Sunderland not occupying places in the top half of the table.

"It is not just the big teams who are the problem. It is the normal teams," said Toure.

"It is always difficult away. "But we know if we are to win the title again we have to win our away

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## Premiership Spotlight

## LIPSE GOALS RECORD



Manchester City's  
at Tottenham.

games. That is what the manager is working on."

Chelsea created a Premier League record when they blasted 103 goals en route to the title in 2009/10.

They finished the season with a flourish at Stamford Bridge – winning three of their last four home games 7-1 against Aston Villa, 7-0 against Stoke and 8-0 against Wigan.

Earlier in the season they had thumped Sunderland 7-2 at Stamford Bridge.

Didier Drogba finished with 29 goals from 32 appearances, while Frank Lampard (22), Florent Malouda (12) and Nicolas Anelka (11) also reached double figures.

That incredible century of goals

## Manchester City Premier League results 13/14

## August

19: Newcastle (H) ... W 4-0  
Silva, Aguero, Toure, Nasri

25: Cardiff City (A) ... L 2-3  
Dzeko, Negredo

31: Hull (H) ... W 2-0  
Negredo, Toure

## September

14: Stoke City (A) ... D 0-0

22: Man United (H) ... W 4-1

Aguero (2), Toure, Nasri

28: Aston Villa (A) ... L 2-3  
Toure, Dzeko

## October

5: Everton (H) ... W 3-1  
Negredo, Aguero, Howard og.

19: West Ham (A) ... W 3-1  
Aguero (2), Silva

27: Chelsea (A) ... L 1-2

Aguero

## November

2: Norwich (H) ... W 7-0  
Johnson og, Martin og, Silva, Negredo, Toure, Aguero, Dzeko

1: Sunderland (A) ... L 0-1

24: Tottenham (H) ... W 6-0  
Navas (2), Sandro og, Aguero (2), Negredo

saw Chelsea eclipse Manchester United's previous record of 97 in 1999/00.

Back then strike pair Dwight Yorke (20) and Andy Cole (19) led the goalscorers charts.

Chelsea are the only club to notch a top flight century of goals since Tottenham blasted 111 in 1962/63.

Despite clubs playing 42 games, only Liverpool (twice) and Leeds scored more than 80 goals throughout any season in the 1970s.

In 1973/74 Ipswich were the top scorers with just 67 goals – a total four Premier League clubs beat in 2012/13 while another two struck 66 times.

Burnley were top scorers in 1974/75 with 68, the second lowest post-war total.

Chelsea scored 72 in each of their first two title-winning seasons under Jose Mourinho, in 2004/05 and 2005/06.

## TOP PREMIER LEAGUE SCORERS IN A SEASON

Chelsea (2009/10)	103
Man Utd (1999/00)	97
Man City (2011/12)	93
Man Utd (2011/12)	89
Arsenal (2004/05)	87
Man Utd (2012/13)	86
Arsenal (2002/03)	85

## Cricket Stats

## MOST GOALS IN A POST-WAR TOP FLIGHT SEASON

1946/47: Stoke City	98
1947/48: Wolves	83
1948/49: Portsmouth	84
1949/50: Sunderland	83
1950/51: Tottenham Hotspur	82
1951/52: Newcastle United	98
1952/53: Arsenal	97
1953/54: Wolves	96
1954/55: Newcastle & Wolves	89
1955/56: Wolves	89
1956/57: Tottenham Hotspur	104
1957/58: Manchester City	104
1958/59: Wolves	110
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# Non-league Action

## LOO-KING GOOD FOR CITY

**WINCHESTER boss Neil Hards said he wanted to master the flanks with his new side, and that's exactly what his team achieved as they beat strugglers Totton & Eling 4-0 at Little Testwood Farm on Saturday in Sydenhams Premier Division.**

A Danny King double put the Citizens 2-0 up at half-time and it was his performance that personified what Hards is attempting to do with his Denplan City Ground outfit, as the attacker completed his hat-trick and assisted Dan Thompson to complete the rout after the interval.

From the outset King showed incredible endeavour down the left-wing with Totton full-back Lee Thorne failing to deal with his direct runs, **writes PETER HOWARD.**

Within the first ten-minutes the attacker had delivered a crisp ball to Liam Robinson, who narrowly headed over – that started the onslaught.

His array of drilled, floated and accurate crosses caused havoc at the back for Totton & Eling, with Lerone Plummer, Robinson, and Chris Mason swarming the box to feed off the deliveries.

Plummer fluffed a golden opportunity as he attempted to latch on to a whipped ball with his effort sailed harmlessly wide.

It was all pretty much one way traffic throughout the first-half, although, Dougie Rowe and Jude Nwachurwu did try and feed off the few scraps they were offered from the Totton midfield.

Meanwhile, for long periods of the first-half centre-back Jack Smith was unable to play after taking a knock to the head, which meant his head was bleeding, the bandage that had been fitted kept slipping off meaning he could scarcely concentrate on dealing with the Citizens attack.

On 28 minutes King opened Winchester's account as he connect-

ed with Mason's free-kick on the edge of the box, turned with a deft touch, firing home top-left past a diving Kevin O'Rourke.

Seven minutes later the Citizens doubled their lead. King wormed his way through a busy Totton box before curling the ball into the back of the net on 35 minutes.

As the first-half came to a close the home-side had their best opportunity of the afternoon as Bill Puckett unleashed a superb drilled effort from the 18-yard-box, if the box hadn't been so packed it may have bulged the net, as it was Winchester cleared.

The second-half continued in a similar vein with King once again drilling a variation of crosses dangerously into the box.

But it was that man again who converted his hat-trick with aplomb. A deft touch 15-yards out gave him time and space to curl a left-footed shot past the 'keeper at the near post to make it 3-0.

In what was unbelievable game for King, he then assisted Dan Thompson for the Citizens' fourth on the hour. His drilled cross found the full-back at the back post and he simply had to tap home.

Chris Flood made his return from suspension as a substitute and almost found the net at the near-post from one of King's crosses.

As Totton & Eling accepted their fate, Winchester made camp in their half, Lloyd Webber capped off a particularly good move by whipping the narrowly round the post and O'Rourke held well from a dangerous corner.

Nwachurwu and Puckett didn't give up for Totton & Eling with the former working Ross Casey with effort from inside the box and again with a chipped effort.

But their efforts weren't enough with the home-side consigned to their sixth defeat in a row while Winchester continue among the high-fliers in the Wessex.



## Strevens sets tone

**Bury Town 0 Eastleigh 3** EASTLEIGH reached the last 32 of the FA Trophy for only the third time in their history.

Eastleigh, looking to bounce back from last week's shock reverse, brought back Michael Green, Will Evans and Yemi Odubade into the starting line-up, with Jamie Collins, Craig McAllister and Chris Dillon dropping to the bench.

In the first minute Stuart Fleetwood had a shot blocked, while Jai Reason had a shot saved.

Eastleigh, however, took the lead in the 11th minute when, from a Michael Green corner, BEN STREVENs headed home.

The home team came back more into the game and Ross Bailey had a shot wide. Then, following a corner, a goal-mouth scramble resulted in Ryan Semple having a shot saved by Eastleigh goalkeeper Ross Flitney.

However, Eastleigh made it 2-0 when, following Odubade's angled, shot Marcus Garnham could only parry his shot into the path of STREVENs who was able to tap home from close range.

Almost immediately afterwards Shane Tolley forced a save from Flitney. However, on the stroke of half-time Fleetwood came close to adding a third for Eastleigh.

They got the all-important third goal when substitute CRAIG McALLISTER, who had come on at the start of the second half, headed home a free kick from Stuart Fleetwood.

After the goal Stuart Fleetwood twice and Michael Green once had shots saved for Eastleigh.

At the other end Billy Clark had two shots saved for the home team, while Tom Bullard tested Eastleigh goalkeeper Flitney with a header. And substitute Jack Higgs also forced a save.

Eastleigh introduced all three substitutes in the second half and they will now look forward to see who they get paired against in Monday's draw which is the first national stage of this year's competition.



## False dawn for Totton

**A GOAL** ahead inside the opening minute, AFC Totton proceeded to leak three goals in a calamitous opening to the second half and ended 5-1 losers to Calor Southern League Premier Division rivals Biggleswade Town at Testwood Stadium.

The start could not have been better for Totton, who were bidding to halt a run of six successive defeats.

Chris Onoufriou sent Zac Moulard away on the left. His cross-shot hit the base

of the far upright and SAM HOUSE tapped in the rebound.

Totton's joy was short-lived as, in the 14th minute, they failed to deal with a corner and SAM REED stabbed Biggleswade level.

Biggleswade enjoyed plenty of possession during the remainder of the first half, but rocked Totton with three goals in eight minutes at the start of the second half.

REED's sixth goal in five matches gave the visitors

the lead, which they extended when BRETT DONNELLY burst through to make it 3-1.

Four minutes later LEE ALLINSON drilled a free kick past the Totton wall and inside Jo McCormack's right-hand post to make it 4-1.

Lewis Ross eventually got a shot on target for Totton, who conceded a fifth when top scorer NATHAN PEACOCK came off the substitutes' bench and scored with his first touch from Mark Coulson's cross.

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# Non-league Football



UNBEATEN RUN: Sholing boss Dave Diaper.

## Diaper relishing Hawks cup test

SHOLING boss Dave Diaper is relishing the challenge of taking on Skril Conference South side Havant & Waterlooville in the Hampshire Senior Cup third round next Tuesday.

The Boatmen have been in lethal form this season and are beaten just once as they've romped their way to the top of the Sydenhams Premier Division, the semi-finals of the Wessex League Cup and still remain in the Russell Cotes Cup and FA Vase.

Along with that, Sholing are unbeaten at home in more than a year, their last defeat coming in the Calor Southern Premier South West Division 1 in November 2012 – a 3-2 reverse against Cirencester Town.

Havant & Waterlooville perhaps represent the biggest threat to that record so far this season, although the Silverlake Arena side did beat Lee Bradbury's men 3-1 in the same competition last season but in the quarter-finals.

Diaper is looking forward to a battle with higher league opposition. "I much prefer going into these cup matches facing stern opposition because it makes my job a little bit easier, the squad can motivate themselves," he said.

"It's great for the lads to be playing against Conference

South teams. If we play our best we can win them; we've done it before and I'm sure we can do it again.

"I think Lee Bradbury won't be making the same mistake by fielding a weaker team, like last time, I know he'll put out his best squad, which is exciting for us as it will be good to see where we're at.

"We got to make a good account of ourselves ultimately. We're unbeaten in over year now at home at some point that has got to go, it will happen.

"But we must keep focused, we have games in hand but we've still got to get those points on the board and win those cup ties, we have to avoid any calamity and savour every match."

The Boatmen's only defeat came at Clevedon Town – 2-0 in the FA Cup at the end of September – but apart from that blip Diaper's side has been in fine fettle and will be looking to continue to flourish in their cup double this week.

Those games start with the Havant & Waterlooville game on Tuesday followed by a clash at Reading Town in the FA Vase on Saturday.

Reading will also be stern opposition with the UHlsport Hellenic Premier Division side topping their league.

# HARDS: THE MESSAGE IS GETTING ACROSS

## New boss pleased with City progress

**WINCHESTER City boss Neil Hards has been quietly impressed with how his team are starting to mould to the style he wants after taking over the club at the end of October.**

Hards replaced Graham Kemp, now manager of Hamworthy, at the helm less than a month ago but has wasted no time in drilling the team on how he wants them to play, writes **PETER HOWARD.**

"The time we've been here has allowed us to find our feet a little bit, the lads are starting to settle down and getting used to how we're trying to do things," he said.

"It will obviously take a few weeks to get them playing in the format we want them to with the right sort of attitude and effort levels, but we are getting there.

"When we arrived here most of the players could only go for 60 minutes, so we've had to make them stronger and fitter to achieve what we want, in the format we want."

The boss has now been in charge for five games, winning three and losing two – against Sholing and Newport (IoW) – but it is those clubs at the top of the Sydenhams Premier Division that Hards is eager to keep up with.

"Every game is a must win from our point of view, tragically we're out of every cup but there is nothing we can do about that, we've had three or four

weeks back in now," he said.

"There's a group of six or seven clubs that are in it to win, we are, naturally, one of those clubs but we need to keep belief and win the games against everyone who's fighting for the title – we need to keep up with those sides.

"I know it will be tough, there will be slip-ups, a few mistakes but we have got to concentrate on our own game, there is no point in looking at the opposition."

Hards and his coach, ex-Saints player Paul Masters (pictured below), have been drilling his new side to mould them into the potent outfit they're aiming for. The manager, however, is still grounded about the club's progress.

"My thoughts currently are that the club was on the brink of being non-existent not so long ago, it's been a rebuilding process and we are part of the rebuild and we are currently moulding the team from a bunch of individuals," he said.

"The squad looks better, I am very happy with the additions that have been made. I arrived at the club and knew barely anyone but it has been a really positive few weeks and we want to now get some decent points on the board and that's all we can do."

Hards has re-signed Daryl Phillips from Stockbridge and James Ford from Hamworthy, as well as bringing Brockenhurst's Lerone Plummer to the set up.



NEW RECRUIT: Lerone Plummer, right.

## McManus quick to plug defensive holes

BROCKENHURST manager Pat McManus has added two much needed defensive signings to his squad.

Jamie Blackburn, a defensive utility man, has arrived along with centre-back Liam Hall from Alresford and Stockbridge respectively.

That has, in part, defused the loss of Ross Lloyd, Scott Joyce, and David Marden, who joined John Pyatt at Bashley after he left his post as Brockenhurst's director of football to join the Calor Southern Premier League strugglers last month.

"We were in desperate need of a new centre-back and defensive cover," McManus, right, said.

"I feel we've brought in good

replacements for those players we've lost. We've had Hall on our radar for a while now so it was good to get him wrapped up."

Blackburn spent last season on a dual-club contract with Eastleigh and New Milton, spending most of the season at the New Forest club, making 32 appearances and scoring two goals.

He signed for Alresford at the beginning of this campaign but only played seven games, including five appearances from the bench, before moving to the Badgers to get some first-team football under his belt.

Hall, once of Arsenal and Hibernian, was promoted with Whitechurch from the Sydenhams Division One last term, the league

his new charges were crowned champions of, but left for Stockbridge soon after.

McManus took advantage of the Robins' shock managerial walkout of James Banks and Terry Chapman last week and snapped up Hall before anyone else could.

Meanwhile, the club's pitch at Grigg Lane has now recovered after it was roughed up by a cherry picker and will be ready for action when the club take on Petersfield in the Hampshire Senior Cup on Wednesday.

In that game they will likely come up against Zac Willis who has left the club for the Wessex Division One club in search of regular football.





# Non-league Football



## Southampton Solent University links up with Premier League to offer 'plan B' for footballers

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SPORTS EDITOR

**THREE** teenagers released by top London clubs are taking their first steps into new careers at Southampton Solent University thanks to an innovative partnership with the Premier League.

Every year hundreds of youngsters join Premier League club academies with the dream of playing professionally – but not all will make it at a top club.

The Premier League is keen to support those seeking alternative career paths. As part of this important initiative, they are working with a selection of UK universities – including Southampton Solent – to help provide higher education opportunities for young players who have the necessary qualifications.

“Solent’s excellent academic provision, FA accredited sportsground and extensive football industry links have been key in deciding to ask them to be part of this important initiative,” says Mark Scarbrow, Premier League careers adviser.

The first cohort of former academy footballers, partly funded by the Professional Footballers Association (PFA) and the university, began their full-time studies last month.

Young players whose professional careers at Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur and QPR came to an end when they were released have begun courses ranging from BA (Hons) Sport Studies to BA (Hons) Business Management.

### Ultra-ambitious

As well as spending time on the bench in lecture theatres, the new recruits are also spending time on the pitch playing for ultra-ambitious Team Solent, currently second in Division 1 of the Sydenhams Wessex League.

Sam Byles, an England under-16 international formerly at Arsenal, is now studying BA (Hons) Sport Studies as well as playing for Solent on a Wednesday in the British Universities and Colleges League and in the Wessex at weekends.

“The scheme has given us the chance of a second career after playing football,” he said. “We can now think towards our future and further our education here.”

Jesse Waller-Lassen, released by Tottenham’s academy, added: “I’m really enjoying my time at university.”

“I’m doing a foundation degree which is a great introduction into higher education for me.”

Tobi Adekunle, released by Queens Park Rangers, is the third ex-academy player who has joined Team Solent.

There are no restrictions on how many ex-Premier League academy players can join Solent in any one year.

Dominic Cunliffe, head football coach at Solent University, told the *Sports Pink*: “This official link with the Premier League has been 18 months in the making.



**PARTNERSHIP:** Premier League scheme students at Southampton Solent University: From left: Tobi Adekunle, Jesse Waller-Lassen, Mark Scarbrow (Premier League Careers Adviser), Dom Cunliffe (head football coach at Solent University), Phil Green (head of sport at Solent University) and Sam Byles.

# UNI GIVING PREMIER LEAGUE YOUNGSTERS A SECOND CHANCE

**‘We can now think towards our future and further our education here’**

“The nearest to us is Loughborough, so that helps us.

**‘£3.5m facility’**

“A £3.5m football facility and the fact we play in a strong league also help add some weight.”

Cunliffe said the likes of Byles, Waller-Lassen and Adekunle will have a busy time at the university juggling their academic studies and football.

“They will all be timetabled to do around 15 hours of lectures, workshops and seminars a week,” he explained. “In addition, because we run a professional set-up we will train two evenings a week.

“There are also regular games on a Wednesday in the British Universities League.

“We did have two teams last season, but our second XI got relegated so we disbanded them and put the funding towards our Saturday programme.

“We run two teams on a Saturday, the first team in the Wessex and the reserve team in the Wyvern Combination League.

“The Wyvern team also plays mid-week games.

“Players like Sam Byles could end up playing 55 games a season, which is a lot in a 40-week programme.

“We have a duty of care to look after these lads.

“That is why we have a four-strong team of sports physios, headed up by Ben Digweed, who look after all our talented athletes, not just the footballers.

“We want to make sure that all the

lads get the best education possible in the three years they will be with us.

“First and foremost, that is why they are here.

“But deep down they all want to carry on playing football.”

Solent have been a force in Division 1 of the Wessex League ever since they rose from the Hampshire League three years ago.

They once had an ambition to play in the FA Cup by the 2015/16 season, and they are two years ahead of that after taking part in this season’s competition.

Promotion to the Wessex top flight is a priority, with further progression to the Southern League after that.

### Promotion

Cunliffe said: “We have plans, but we don’t want to rush things.

“We want to make sure this is sustainable.

“We want to win promotion to the Premier Division of the Wessex League, hopefully this season.

“Then we eventually want to get to the Southern League within three or four more years.”

Cunliffe regularly visits Premier League clubs to promote the Team Solent brand.

“Next month I am visiting Tottenham and QPR, meeting the first, second and third year academy players and telling them what we can offer.

“We always say to the youngsters that you need a plan B if your football career does not work out for any reason.”

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# Non-league Football



## EASTLEIGH FC RESULTS AND FIXTURES 2013/14

### AUGUST

17: Sutton (H) .....W 1-0  
Odubade

20: Bath (A) .....W 1-0  
Stevens

24: Basingstoke (A) .....L 0-2

26: Havant (H) .....D 0-0

31: Boreham W (A) .....W 3-0  
McAllister, Fleetwood, Reason

### SEPTEMBER

7: Bromley (H) .....W 2-1  
McAllister, Fleetwood

14: Maidenhead (A) .....W 3-1  
Odubade 2, McAllister

17: Eastbourne (H) .....W 2-0  
Reason, Southam

21: Hayes & Y (H) .....W 1-0  
McAllister

### OCTOBER

5: Concord (H) .....D 1-1  
Reason

8: Ebbsfleet (A) .....L 1-3  
Fleetwood

19: Staines (H) .....W 1-0  
Reason

### NOVEMBER

2: Sutton (A) .....D 1-1  
McAllister

9: Farnborough (H) .....W 1-0  
McAllister

12: Gosport (A) .....W 2-0  
Odubade, Southam

23: Tonbridge (H) .....L 1-2  
Collins

**Goals:** McAllister 6, Reason 4,  
Odubade 4, Fleetwood 3, Southam  
2, Collins 1, Stevens 1.

### FIXTURES

#### DECEMBER

14: Bromley .....A

17: Dover .....A

21: Chelmsford .....H

26: Dorchester .....A

28: Bath City .....H

#### JANUARY

1: Dorchester Town .....H

4: Eastbourne .....A

11: Bishops Stortford .....A

14: Dover Athletic .....H

18: Gosport Borough .....H

21: Weston-super-Mare .....A

25: Ebbsfleet United .....H

#### FEBRUARY

1: Whitehawk .....A

8: Maidenhead .....H

15: Tonbridge .....A

22: Farnborough .....A

#### MARCH

1: Weston-super-Mare .....H

8: Concord Rangers .....A

15: Bishops Stortford .....H

22: Staines Town .....A

29: Hayes & Yeading .....A

#### APRIL

5: Whitehawk .....H

12: Chelmsford City .....A

19: Basingstoke Town .....H

21: Havant & W .....A

26: Boreham Wood .....H

# HAND OF HODD GETS

In his latest Eastleigh FC interview **PAUL MCNAMARA** met up with Dan Spence to talk about the twists and turns in his career so far.

**ENGLAND'S back-to-back home defeats – to Chile and Germany – for the first time since 1977 incited another wearily familiar inquest. The perennial matter in question concerns what must change if our country is to consistently produce footballers with the technical expertise of their foreign counterparts.**

One man blessed with some insight on the subject is Eastleigh's classy defender Dan Spence. After his release, in 2009, from Reading, the full-back was invited, along with approximately 50 other young players who had been recently dealt a similar blow, to trial for a place in the Glenn Hoddle Academy.

For many aspirational footballers, the devastation felt at being let go by their first professional employer leads to a period of disenchantment with the game – some even drift away entirely. In Spence's case, the polar opposite was true.

"It probably made me more determined. Obviously it was tough. They were a Premier League and Championship club when I was in the first team, and when you leave you really appreciate what you had."

"Opportunities (after leaving Reading) didn't come thick and fast but, when they did, it made me think 'I've got to really work now to push on with my career'."

That tenacity, allied with a distinct talent, came to the fore when former Saints boss Hoddle's scouts ran their eye over the batch of hopefuls at Leicester City's King Power Stadium.

"I did all right there and was subsequently asked for a week's trial in Spain, playing alongside the rest of the lads who were already signed up. They invited about ten or 11 boys from the Leicester trial. It went well, and I was offered a scholarship."

That involved training at an extremely nice facility in Jerez, in the south of Spain. It had everything you could need. Initially we trained in the day, and the academy arranged games against local sides and against the B teams from some La Liga clubs.

"We'd stay in Spain for a month at a time, and then come home for a



**FIGHTING BACK:** Eastleigh's Dan Spence, left.

short while. At those times they'd try and open up trials and opportunities in England, with the idea that you'd impress having improved through the work in Spain."

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The scope for player improvement widened when Hoddle added a crucial element to his forward-thinking project.

"At the start of my second season there, the academy took control of a local team called Jerez Industrial. Because the academy was investing its money into the club they could put their own players into

the side, and consequently it was made up of roughly 95 per cent British players."

"As well as the high quality training, we had a competitive game at the end of the week in a league which was probably of equivalent standard to the Conference Premier. That was good for development and managing pressure situations. Up until the winter break we were top of the league."

Hoddle's now disbanded initiative is one that Spence believes, given the time to evolve, could have contributed towards the enduring quest to produce English footballers of the calibre we crave.

"From my perspective, I improved a lot as a player. The philosophy of the academy was to implement the Spanish way of playing, which focused on being comfortable on the ball, passing and possession, expressing yourself and showing your skills. I think most of the play-

ers that went out to Spain improved, and quite a few have come back and found decent clubs in England."

"There are some things that perhaps needed changing. It didn't necessarily have to be in Spain. The location did help because you have the better quality pitches for longer due to the weather. The coaching aspect was excellent and really helped us improve. But, if a lot of coaches come home and coach exactly as they did out there, which I think they will do, it will work."

Spence is yet to reach the exalted heights scaled by some of his academy contemporaries. Nevertheless, the countless hours spent working under the tutelage of Hoddle, and benefiting from the football wisdom of Nigel Spackman, John Gorman, Graham Rix and Dave Beasant bore fruit and, to this day, the progress of others acts as extra motivation in the 24-year-old's pursuit of league football.

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CALLING THE SHOTS: Dan Spence and, inset, Glen Hoddle.

"For the last six months of my time with the academy I was in England. I trialled at a few clubs and eventually signed for Mansfield Town on a non-contract basis for the last three or four months of the season (2010/2011). That was brilliant."

"I'd played in the Conference before when I'd gone out on loan during my time with Reading (at Woking and Salisbury City) so I knew the level of the league. I fitted in well, and waited my time to get into the team. I enjoyed Mansfield. It was a good club. My time there culminated with the FA Trophy final which we lost at Wembley in the final minute of extra time (1-0 against Darlington)."

"The main success story from my time in Spain was Ikechi Anya who now plays for Watford and Scotland. Quite a few boys filtered into Conference level back in England, and have now progressed into Leagues One and Two."

Spence also looks to individuals among his erstwhile Reading colleagues for advice and encouragement regarding what is possible.

"Speaking to those players on a daily basis, I'm always interested in what they're doing in training and how they're getting on. I hear about them training every day and playing at these big stadiums, really enjoying their football, it definitely spurs you on."

"I'm good friends with Alex McCarthy (Reading's goalkeeper, who was called into the senior England squad for May's friendly fixtures against Republic of Ireland and Brazil). We first played together in the under-14s. I keep in touch with him. He's

done very well, and I'm really pleased for him. I definitely take some advice from him."

Seeing Spence's assured touch, readiness to take possession anywhere on the pitch, and easy reading of the game, his background comes as no surprise. There is frustration, however, that in his nine months at Eastleigh he has been denied, by injury, a run of matches to demonstrate his ability to the

club's supporters.

When he spoke prior to this campaign, Spence was rueing the 'freak' shoulder injury that brought a premature finish to his last season – just

four games into a Spitfires career that began when Richard Hill snapped up the player's services in February immediately upon his ending a 17-month stay with fellow Conference South outfit Hayes & Yeading United.

His ambition for the months ahead was plain.

"I just want to have a good run of games, stay injury free and show the fans what I can do, help the team push on and have a good start to the season."

Every one of those aims was being fulfilled, and in some style when, on September 7 playing against Bromley, Spence pulled up sharply as he launched another one of his characteristic raids down the right-wing. A torn hamstring meant it would be November 2 before he reappeared as a substitute at Sutton United, and another ten days after that until he was ready to start a fixture – a 2-0 win over local adversaries Gosport Borough.

To suffer a second enforced absence from action so early into his time at the Silverlake was hard to take.

"In my opinion injury is by far the worst aspect of trying to be a professional footballer. If you're not playing but fit, at least you can fight for selection and train as hard as you can. If you're injured, there's no option. All you can do is rehab. It's so frustrating, sitting on the sidelines, watching the games and thinking 'I wish I was involved'."

"I'm a fan as well. I watch football 24/7 at home. When I come to the Eastleigh games, if I'm not involved, I'm on the edge of my seat. I can't enjoy it as much. I'm thinking 'If I was on the pitch, what would I be doing'. It is very frustrating."

During that trying time, Spence was able to apply the same awareness to life off the pitch, as he does with the ball at his feet on it.

"You've got to be realistic. Injury is bad, but it's not the end of the world. You know that, as long as you work hard and stay strong, you'll come back from it. There are much more important things in life. It shouldn't get you too down. I definitely feel a bit sorry for myself sometimes, but you've just got to get over that quickly."

"It always takes a while after coming back from time out to get back into the full swing of things. Match fitness is a big problem. You can train as hard as you want, but match fitness is something entirely different to accomplish. You just can't get the same intensity and atmosphere in a training session."

"I'm feeling fit and strong now, and I hope that continues. It was good to get my first 90 minutes against Gosport. It was a nice game to come back into because we had a lot of possession, so it was good to have a few lung-bursting runs."

With a fair wind, those runs could yet take Dan Spence all the way back to the football league. And, referring back again to his summer thoughts, 'If it's with Eastleigh, even better'.

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Work to do  
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**HISTORY** shows that Eastleigh might have to improve their current points average if they want to win automatic promotion this season.

Ahead of their next league game – against Bromley next month – Richard Hill's Spitfires have banked 33 points from 16 games at an average of 2.06 points per game.

That is just below the average (2.2) they need to keep if they are to reach 93 points – the average needed for the last nine clubs who have been crowned Conference South champions since the start of the 2004/05 campaign.

Last season, though, Welling needed just 86 points to win automatic promotion – 17 fewer than runaway champions Newport County collected in 2000/10.

Newport's 103-point haul remains the highest points total in Conference South history.

## PAST CHAMPIONS

2004/05 Grays	.....	.98
2005/06 Weymouth	.....	.94
2006/07 Histon	.....	.89
2008/09 AFC Wimbledon	.....	.88
2009/10 Newport Co	.....	.103
2010/11 Braintree	.....	.89
2011/12 Woking	.....	.97
2012/13 Welling	.....	.86

## SKRILL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE PREMIER

(tables does not include today's games)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge Utd	20	13	6	1	33	9	45
Luton	21	11	8	2	38	19	41
Kidderminster	20	12	3	5	37	23	39
Grimsbay	19	11	3	5	29	18	36
Nuneaton	21	10	6	5	31	27	36
Alfreton Town	21	11	1	9	34	33	34
Barnet	21	8	9	4	31	22	33
Salisbury	20	10	3	7	30	27	33
Braintree Town	21	9	5	7	28	22	32
Gateshead	20	10	2	8	31	26	32
FC Halifax	21	9	4	8	38	32	31
Forest Green	21	9	3	9	39	33	30
Welling	20	8	5	7	29	26	29
Wrexham	21	8	4	9	34	32	28
Macclesfield	20	7	5	8	28	26	26
Lincoln City	20	7	5	8	20	22	26
Hereford	21	6	7	8	25	27	25
Southport	21	6	3	12	18	34	21
Woking	20	6	1	10	23	31	20
Tarnworth	20	5	5	10	20	32	20
Aldershot	21	5	5	8	28	29	19
Chester FC	21	4	7	10	17	30	19
Dartford	22	5	3	14	20	42	18
Hyde	21	0	3	18	18	55	3

## SKRILL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE SOUTH

(tables does not include today's games)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bromley	15	11	1	3	36	12	34
Eastleigh	16	10	3	3	21	11	33
Ebbw Vale	16	7	6	3	29	16	27
Bishop's St	13	8	3	2	27	19	27
Basingstoke Tn	25	6	1	10	23	31	20
Sutton United	15	6	6	26	13	24	24
Hayes & Yeading	16	8	0	8	25	20	24
Weston SM	16	7	3	6	20	22	24
Eastbourne B	15	7	3	5	19	21	24
Bath City	15	6	5	4	23	18	23
Farnborough	16	7	2	7	28	28	23
Dover Athletic	14	7	1	6	16	9	22
Staines Town	15	7	1	7	20	22	22
Concord	15	5	5	5	20	22	20
Havant & W	15	4	5	6	18	22	17
Tonbridge	13	4	3	6	17	24	15
Whitehawk	16	3	6	7	19	27	15
Maidenhead	16	3	5	8	18	26	14
Boreham Wood	14	3	4	7	17	21	13
Chelmsford City	15	4	1	10	14	35	13
Gosport Borough	15	3	3	9	12	22	12
Dorchester Town	14	3	1	10	12	30	10

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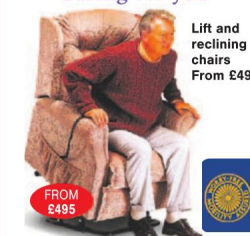
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SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUES

PAUL Abrahams netted twice as King George reached the semi finals of the Southampton FA Sunday Junior Cup with a 2-1 win over Titans.

Sam Bessant replied for the losers, writes CHRISTIAN BROWN.

Bitterne Ducks edged a seven-goal thriller against Mottisfont to reach the semi-finals of the Southampton FA Sunday Junior B Cup.

Toby Withey, Tim Broomfield, Chris Pye and Michael Thomas gave them a 4-3 success, with Matt Bosanquet, Jason Gradidge and Daniel Rides replying.

KRL navigated their way into the second round of the AJ Miller Trophy after defeating Cricketers Arms 3-1. Mike Saunders grabbed a brace with Ricky Gorman also on target, Santine Mucci replying.

Linden Tree demolished Sherfield English 9-3, Tommy Stringer leading the way with four goals.

Alex Sheath weighed in with a hat-trick, with Alwyn Short and Chris King completing the rout. Adam Quick (2) and Ryan Smith replying.

Totton Town, 2-1 down at the interval, hit back to beat Yacht Tavern 6-3.

Lee Hayes scored twice for the winners, including one from a corner, with Danny Hanlon, Steve Clarke, Lee Cooper and Tom Rafferty also netting. Craig Phillips (2) and Mike Bessant replied.

Brad Snelling struck three times as Sky Blues pipped FC Railway 5-4 in an entertaining City of Southampton Sunday Football League Junior Division 1 encounter.

Sean Moss and Liam Jannaway also scored, with Mark Bond, Matthew Taylor and Daniel Robertson (2) replying.

Gary Klepp rescued a point for Chartwell Green in the second half against Glen, after falling behind to a Neil Darby goal.

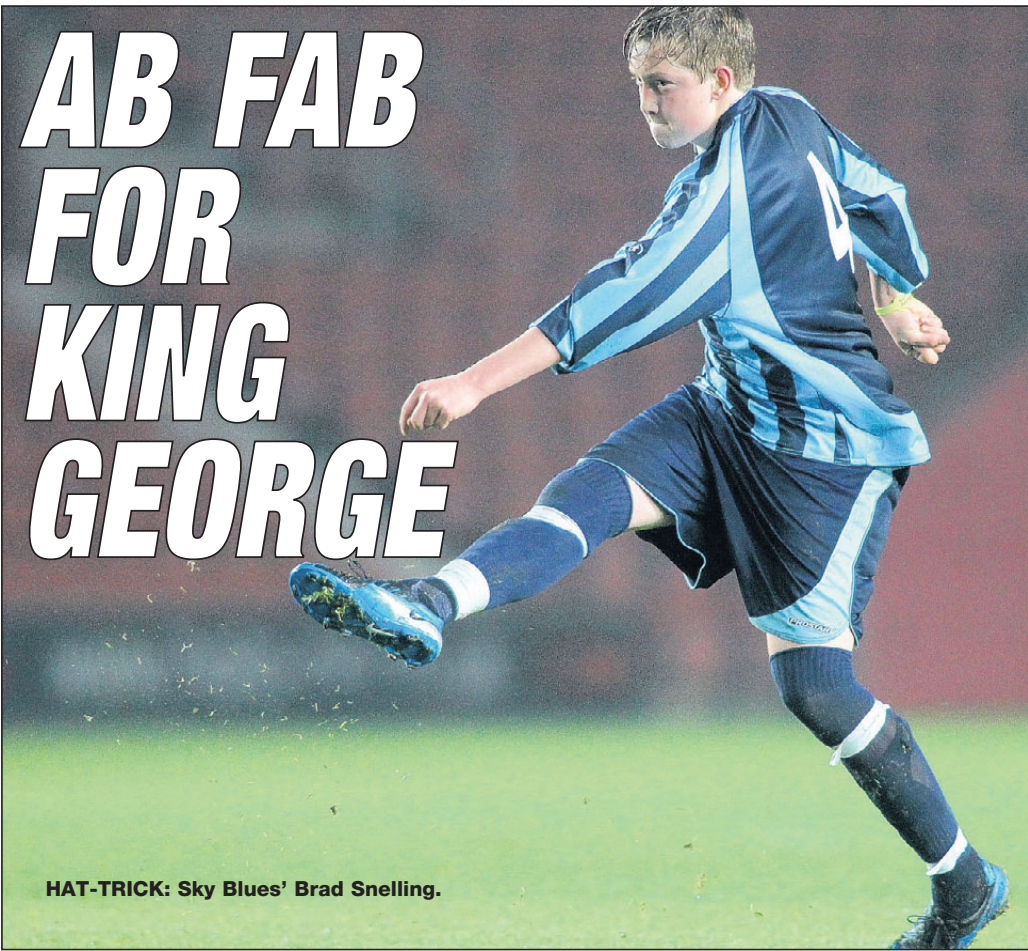
AFC Portswood extended their lead in Junior Division 2 to nine points after goals from Nick Green and Andy Debnam sunk Riverside Athletic 2-0.

A second-half strike from James Russon was enough for Chartwell Green Reserves to overcome Boyatt Wood Wanderers in Junior Division 3

Itchen Saints put Eastpoint to the sword in Junior Division 4 with a thumping 5-0 win.

Coby Wilson scored twice with Dave Greenwood, Jamie Martin and Jack Garrett also getting in on the act.

Goals from Matthew Hawkes and Dave Richards gave Hedge End



HAT-TRICK: Sky Blues' Brad Snelling.

Rangers a 2-0 victory over Carnival U.K.

AFC Marchwood kept their title ambitions alive by drawing 2-2 with leaders Test Valley Spartans. Mitch Young and Dave Richards netted with Tony Kerton and Tom Reed replying for Spartans.

Burridge AFC swept aside

Bannister Park 7-2 with seven different scorers – Carlos Dorado, Karl Atkins, Dan Smith, Dave Middleton, Jack Becheley, Richard Becheley and Dave White.

George Clouder and Lee Tew grabbed consolation goals.

A Nick England brace helped Itchen Albion on their way to a 3-0

victory over Portside. Ben Cox also scored.

AFC Southbrook made it seven wins out of seven in Junior Division 6 after beating AFC Phoenix 3-0, courtesy of Mark Christopher, Pete Burgess and Ian Hunt.

Liam Slade's hat-trick helped Curbridge beat Sporting Compass 4-2. James Parsons also scored while Adam Tahir hit a consolation brace.

Netley RBL beat New Bridge 5-2 in Junior Division 7 with goals from Scott Cole (2), Larry Cowe, Chris Wilde and Jon Burwell. Callum Brown twice replied.

Riverside Park Rangers demolished Fawley RBL 8-0. Ryan Brooks led the spree with a hat-trick, with further goals coming from Shaun Bennett, Andy Fielder, Dan Bennett, Jack Mattison and Tom Cole.

Nolan on song for Roll Call

PAT Nolan belted a hat-trick as Roll Call stormed into the third round of the Southampton & District Sunday League Cup with an 8-0 demolition of Platinum Southern.

Further goals came from Christian Pell (2), Ricky Bull, Kevin Lewis and Dan Longman.

Grant Porter was another hat-trick hero as Sholing won 8-1 at Holbury in the only league game played.

Rob Lamb (2), Ross Akhurst, Luke Buck and Rich Emery helped Sholing collect the Division 2 points.

CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUE									
Premier Division									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
City Central	3	2	1	0	13	3	7		
Linden Tree	4	2	0	2	18	11	6		
K.R.L.	3	2	1	0	11	6			
Totton Town	4	2	0	2	13	16	6		
Bridge A.F.C.	3	0	2	1	6	7	2		
Chamberlayne Athletic	3	0	1	2	3	14	1		
Senior Division									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
A.F.C. Horns Inn	4	4	0	0	19	4	12		
Yacht Tavern	5	4	0	1	20	7	12		
Bush Hill & N Heath	5	2	0	3	13	24	6		
Sherfield English	4	1	2	1	19	15	5		
Cricketers Arms	5	1	1	3	10	15	4		
Eastbrook Harriers	5	0	1	4	13	29	1		
Junior Division One									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
A.F.C. Bursledon	5	5	0	0	21	7	15		
Glen	8	4	3	1	16	8	15		
Obelisk	6	4	0	2	24	10	12		
Chartwell Green	4	2	2	0	9	3	8		
Sky Blues	5	2	1	2	14	14	7		
F.C. Railway	6	2	0	4	12	19	6		
H.S.C. Southern Stars	6	0	3	3	4	11	3		
A.F.C. Riverside	2	0	1	1	1	6	1		
A.V. Chivas	6	0	0	6	7	30	0		

Junior Division Two									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
A.F.C. Portswood	7	6	1	0	28	9	19		
Lokomotive Eastleigh	6	3	1	2	23	10	10		
R.S. Ocean Village	5	3	0	2	16	9	9		
L.H. Galaxy	6	2	0	4	6	8	6		
Athletico Tin Hut	5	2	0	3	9	16	6		
Riverside Athletic	4	2	0	2	7	14	6		
Fleming Sports	5	0	0	5	1	24	0		
Junior Division Three									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Landguard Rovers	7	6	1	0	22	9	19		
Chartwell Green Res	6	4	0	2	12	10	12		
A.F.C. Bishopstoke	7	3	1	3	11	14	10		
Bridge A.F.C. Res	6	2	3	1	13	10	9		
A.F.C. Velmere	6	3	0	3	19	19	9		
Boyatt Wood Wanderers	5	1	1	3	7	10	4		
TitansClub Website	4	1	0	3	6	6	3		
Royale Marine	6	0	3	3	8	15	3		
King George	3	0	1	2	2	7	1		
Junior Division Four									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Itchen Saints	6	5	0	1	32	11	15		
Roll Call	6	5	0	1	24	8	15		
A.F.C. Gulf Western	6	5	0	1	23	13	15		
Durley	5	2	1	2	12	8	7		
Hedge End Rangers	4	2	0	2	9	10	6		
Carnival U.K.	7	2	0	5	16	24	6		

Junior Division Five									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Test Valley Spartans	6	3	2	1	19	12	11		
Cherbourg	8	3	2	3	22	19	11		
A.F.C. Marchwood	5	3	1	1	14	8	10		
Itchen Albion	6	3	1	2	15	16	10		
Portside	7	2	2	3	17	19	8		
Burridge A.F.C.	7	1	4	2	20	17	7		
Bannister Park	7	2	0	5	12	28	6		
Junior Division Six									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
A.F.C. Southbrook	7	7	0	0	32	9	21		
Curbridge	6	5	0	1	31	12	15		
Sporting Compass	7	3	1	3	20	17	10		
J.S.C.	9	3	1	5	21	30	10		
Unity	7	2	1	4	25	22	7		
A.F.C. Bishopstoke Res	6	2	1	3	13	22	7		
A.F.C. Phoenix	8	2	1	5	16	26	7		
Athletico Totton	8	2	1	5	20	40	7		
Junior Division Seven									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Bitterne Ducks	8	6	1	1	33	13	19		
Riverside Park Rangers	7	5	1	1	28	7	16		

SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT SUNDAY LEAGUE									
Division One									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
AFC Allbrook	9	9	0	0	58	15	27		
Hamble Club	11	8	2	1	53	34	26		
C & G	10	5	1	4	32	35	16		
Foresters AFC	10	4	0	6	24	34	12		
Roll Call	6	3	1	2	24	13	10		
Trants	6	1	0	5	9	24	3		
Otter	6	0	0	6	10	29	0		
Coopervision	7	0	0	7	11	39	0		
Division 2									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
King George	11	8	1	2	34	26	25		
AFC West End	11	6	2	3	27	21	20		
Sholing United	10	5	1	4	30	19	16		
Platinum Southern	9	5	1	3	29	21	16		
Fair Oak Albion	10	5	0	5	22	24	15		
Roll Call Res	6	3	2	1	14	9	11		
Holbury United	12	3	1	8	22	36	10		
Hedge End SC	8	1	2	5	17	26	5		
AFC Anchor	9	1	2	6	16	29	5		

EASTLEIGH & DISTRICT MINI LEAGUE TABLES					
(tables do not include this weekend's games)					
Under-ten Red					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
FC Salisbury United	18	14	2	2	44
Oakwood Lions	16	12	4	0	40
City Central	16	11	2	3	35
Sholing Youth Red	18	10	2	6	32
Salisbury City FC	18	9	2	7	29
Winchester Youth Black	16	8	4	4	28
Wyvern Saints	16	8	4	4	28
Romsey Town Cougars	16	6	7	3	25
Alresford Lions	18	5	5	8	20
Hythe Strikers	18	5	5	8	20
AFC Hittingbury Harriers	18	6	1	11	19
Eastleigh Red	18	2	2	14	8
Botley Village Rhinos	16	2	2	12	8
St Francis Knights	18	0	2	16	2
White					
Sholing Youth White	18	15	2	1	47
Pace Cougars	18	14	3	1	45
Oakwood Ravens	18	13	1	4	40
AFC Hittingbury Hurricanes	18	12	1	5	37
Colden Common Rovers	18	9	2	7	29
Bitterne Terriers Black	15	8	2	5	26
Eastleigh Whites	16	7	3	6	24
Botley Village Lions	15	7	2	6	23
HEY Jets	18	7	2	9	23
Baddeley Park Knights	18	4	3	11	15
Winchester Youth Blue	16	4	1	11	13
Fawley Falcons	16	3	1	12	10
Chamberlayne Athletic Black	16	1	2	13	5
St Francis Rangers	16	1	1	14	4
Blue					
Hedge End Lions	18	17	0	1	51
Southbrook Rangers	16	15	0	1	45
Hythe & Dibden Tigers	16	13	0	3	39
Oakwood Dynamos	18	12	1	5	37
Warsash Wasps Yellow	16	10	1	5	31
Marchwood Rangers	16	10	0	6	30
Soccer4all Tigers	18	9	2	7	29
S & D					
AFC Hittingbury Hawks	18	7	1	10	22
OK Southampton	18	5	2	11	17
Baddeley Park Templars	18	4	1	13	13
Bishops Waltham Dynamos	16	3	0	13	9
Colden Common Rangers	16	1	2	13	5
Highfield Sharks	18	0	1	17	1
Yellow					
Testwood United	18	13	4	1	43
Salisbury Sparks	17	13	2	2	41
Warsash Wasps Black	18	13	1	4	40
Baddeley Park Crusaders	17	9	4	4	31
Romsey Town Panthers	16	10	1	5	31
Pace Panthers	16	8	4	4	28
Hedge End Falcons	16	8	4	4	28
Oakwood Rangers	18	6	2	10	20
Warsash Wasps White	15	5	3	7	18
Southbrook Athletic	18	4	4	10	16
Hythe & Dibden Lions	18	3	0	15	9
Wyvern Sharks	13	2	2	9	8
HEY Planets	14	1	6	8	8
Stoke Park Rangers	18	2	2	14	8
Green					
Wellow Wolves	18	12	6	0	42
Ice Sports	16	12	1	3	37
Littleton Lions	18	11	3	4	36
Winsor Sports Red	16	9	3	4	33
Bitterne Terriers Red	18	7	7	4	29
AFC Stoneham	18	8	3	7	27
Hedge End Scorpions	18	7	5	6	26
Botley Village Tigers	16	7	3	6	24
Wyvern Dragons	16	6	4	6	22
Chamberlayne Athletic Red	17	7	7	8	22
Compton Youth	18	6	2	10	20
Wellow Wasps	18	4	3	11	11
Winsor Sports Green	18	2	3	13	7
Lakewood Leopards	16	0	0	16	0



# Youth Football

## KINGS' PENALTY HEARTBREAK

KINGS' Winchester have a distinct dislike for penalty shoot-outs which have plotted their English Schools' FA PlayStation Cup downfall for a second consecutive season.

Last year, as under-14s, Kings' bowed out 5-4 in a dramatic penalty decider in near pitch darkness in High Wycombe.

The tonic was repeated again in mid-week with Queensmead, from Hillington, winning by the same penalty scoreline after a 2-2 draw in normal time.

Kings' had to get to grips with the size of the Middlesex opposition – coach Chris Marwood described them as the tallest team he had ever seen in a Year 10 game – but stood up well.

Ben Rowthorne scored both Kings' goals from close range, while Max Kirwan marshalled the defence well.

Kings' looked to have the game in the bag when they led 2-1 with 30 seconds left, but they were undone by a huge long throw and a deflection which took the tie into penalties.

Once again, Kings' missed out – Queensmead tucking away all five spot kicks to snatch a 5-4 win.

"We missed several good opportunities to put the game to bed, which was disappointing," Marwood reflected.

But it wasn't all bad news as Kings' Year 9 side progressed to round six of the ESFA Under-14 Cup with a 3-2 win over King Alfred's Academy of Oxford.

Goals from James Pike, Jack Down and the inspirational Dan Holt put Kings' 3-0 up in 25 minutes, but the Oxfordshire side scored twice in the closing stages to leave Kings' hanging on.

One way or another, Chris Marwood's nerves were shredded to the full this week ...



**FINISHING TOUCH:** Ben Rowthorne scores for Kings' against Queensmead.

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# STRIKERS HIT TREBLE TRAIL

**FIVE different strikers celebrated hat-tricks in the Hampshire Sixth Forms Colleges League this week – two of them in the same game.**

Poole Grammar duo Alex Martin and Morgan Turner notched trebles in the 6-3 win over visiting Alton, **writes MIKE VIMPANY.**

PGS appeared comfortable winners when cruising into a 3-0 lead and more so at 4-1 up, but when Alton clawed two goals back the outcome was in the balance.

"I thought they might get a draw," confessed PGS coach Dan Crutchley, whose hat-trick heroes Martin and Turner weren't to be denied in the end.

Babu Bojang's opening goal in the Totton derby was the talk of Richard Taunton College – the first of his hat-trick was described by coach Tom Barge as being similar to Pajtim Kasami's wonder strike for Fulham against Crystal Palace several weeks ago.

Babu's long overdue hat-trick – he gets in so many good scoring positions without pulling the proverbial trigger – carried RTC to an eventual 4-3 win.

The popular Ghana-born striker, who was joined by Craig Johnston on the score-sheet, got the third with a fine curling shot after inter-play with Josh Chapman and crowned a magical afternoon by completing his hat-trick from the penalty spot.

Totton refused to lie down, with their late third goal setting up a frantic finish.

Stan Edwards grabbed a hat-trick as South Downs thrashed Basingstoke 6-0 on their Purbrook carpet. Jay Arend and Toby Wallis, Max Kinahan rounded off the scoring.

Ben Stone grabbed the headlines with a triple in Portsmouth's 6-2 victory over Bournemouth &



**HAT-TRICK:** Babu Bojang, right.

Poole, who dominated the opening 25 minutes without scoring. It cost them dear as Portsmouth rattled in four goals in 12 minutes immediately before half-time. Stone's quick fire hat-trick being accompanied by one from Sam Neal.

Bournemouth's solo goal by Joe Kimber had coach Matt Brown purring.

"It was a Marco Van Basten finish – that good,"

beamed the ever-smiling Sholing goalkeeper.

It was game on when Kimber scored again, but B & P's defensive weaknesses are well chronicled and a Jon Robertson brace, the second goal from the penalty spot, completed a 6-2 scoreline.

No one got a hat-trick in Itchen's comfortable 3-1 cruise against Brockenhurst – but there was little doubting the perennial champions ought to have doubled their tally.

Early strikes by Brad Doyle and Dylan Owen effectively settled it before Kurtis Garraway added a third after half-time.

George Wheeler, probably the best goalkeeper in the Colleges League, performed heroics in the Brock goal before Jake King scored a consolation effort with a neat finish from a free kick late on.

Sparsholt are unbeaten in six matches now, although they left it late before beating Queen Mary's 1-0 – Nathan Paglioroli's goal ten minutes from time settling it.

It was an excellent goal, Paglioroli cutting in off the left-wing and driving his shot into the top corner.

An inspirational half-time team talk by James Martin lifted Barton Peveril spirits and led to a 3-1 half-time deficit against Havant being turned into a 4-3 win.

Ben Gurman gave BP the lead from a free kick but, after a three-goal Havant blast and a proverbial rocket from manager Martin, the Eastleigh students scored twice through James Saunders and an outstanding free-kick winner from Tom Tucky to win 4-3.

Kieron Parret (2) and Ryan Baker scored in Bournemouth's 3-2 win over Peter Symonds.

**Wednesday's fixtures:** Alton v Totton, Basingstoke v Barton Peveril, Brockenhurst v Sparsholt, Farnborough v Bournemouth & Poole, Havant v St Vincent, Poole Grammar v Peter Symonds, Portsmouth v Bournemouth, Richard Taunton v South Downs.

## Testwood march on

TESTWOOD Sports Academy are through to the last 32 of the English Schools' FA Under-16 Premier League Trophy after an outstanding 3-1 win over Bath's Beechen Cliff in midweek.

Phil Ward, who manages the city under-15 representative side and teaches at Testwood, described it as "probably the best team performance by this group of boys in their five years at the school."

Liam Bushrod put Testwood ahead before AFC Bournemouth prospect Matt Worthington doubled the lead with an excellent strike from the edge of the penalty area.

Ryan Hartley's third goal made it safe for Testwood, who were in control for most of the fifth round tie.

Beechen Cliff, who boast former Saints defender Jason Dodd and Exeter City manager Paul Tisdale among their former pupils, scored a late consolation goal.

Ryan Lomax caught the eye in midfield and was named man-of-the-match.

From an original entry of 735 schools, Testwood are now through to the last 32 and face an away day to the Oxford Academy, who beat St Bartholomew's 4-3 after extra-time yesterday.

**Testwood squad:** Callum Stanton, Kane Barry, Liam Bushrod, Dylan Gain, Connor Richards, Dan Richardson, Ryan Hartley, Matt Worthington, Kristian Longman, Ben Roberts, Ryan Lomax, Andy Huggett.

## Sweet 16 for Soton

Southampton Boys have been drawn away to Cambridge in the last 16 of the English Schools FA Under-15 PlayStation Trophy.

Cambridge, who beat Southampton 1-0 in the 2010 semi-final, trimmed Camden & Islington 3-0 in the last round.

Southampton knocked out Mid-Oxfordshire 3-1 at Woodstock.

Gosport & Fareham, one of the smallest associations in the ESFA, are also through to the fourth round on the back of an astonishing 10-1 win over Brent, last season's semi-finalists.

Gosport now visit North Somerset in round four.



# Youth Football

## FOX'S FANTASTIC FOUR

### Itchen into semis of English Schools' FA Under-18 Girls Cup

**ITCHEN** Sixth Form College's women footballers are through to the semi-final stage of the prestigious English Schools' FA Under-18 Girls Cup after a Meg Fox inspired 5-3 win over Essex-based SEEVIC College at Test Park.

Fox blasted four first-half goals to send Itchen into the semi-finals in their debut season in the national competition, where they will play Solihull for a place in the final, writes MIKE VIMPANY.

Itchen had swept into the quarter-finals on the back of thumping 20-1 and 10-1 wins against Peter Symonds and Exeter, respectively, in the previous two rounds.

The Bitterne-based college was always in control of the quarter final tie, thanks largely to an outstanding display of goalscoring from striker Meg Fox, who helped herself to four first-half goals from long-range strikes.

"Meg doesn't do tap-ins!" commented Itchen coach Steve Perkins. "All four of her goals were from distance. Technically, she is a superb striker of the ball, and when she hits a ball it stays hit".

Itchen took an early lead in the tie direct from a free kick. Fox planted the ball just under the crossbar from 25 yards and the SEEVIC goalkeeper could only push the ball into the roof of the net.

But the Itchen lead was short-lived and SEEVIC countered with a break-away goal while Itchen were looking to double their lead.

The pace of the SEEVIC strikers was keeping the home defence on their toes, but Itchen were dominating the midfield battle and the Basildon visitors had no answer to Fox, who was operating just behind the lively Millie Farrow.

The pair linked up effectively on the half hour when Fox smashed in her second from the edge of the box, and then scored an almost identical third to give Itchen a two-goal cushion.

Fox's fourth, a superbly executed lob from distance, extended the Itchen lead, but the visitors hit back to reduce the deficit to 4-2 before the break.

The tie had developed into a battle between two very effective strike partnerships, but crucially Itchen were winning the midfield battle with 'EJ' May and Amber Siley deputising admirably for the usual central midfield pairing of Jodie Brett and Laura Rafferty.

Meg Richmond, returning from a long-term injury, was also causing problems down the left flank.

Itchen struck first in the second period, with the skilful Millie Farrow turning home a Meg Fox cross at the far post.

Again the three-goal advantage



**ITCHEN LADIES:** Back row (from left): Nikki Keen, Meg Fox, Levi White, Amber Siley, E-J May, Ellie Harrington, Andrea Boyd-Vasquez and coach Steve Perkins. Front: Jodie Brett, Meg Richmond, Millie Farrow, Dee Alo-Llolo, Ellie Kirby, Zoe Saunders and Laura Rafferty.

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**SHE SHOOTS, SHE SCORES:** Meg Fox scores from a free kick, right, and celebrates, left.

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was trimmed as the visitors committed players forward, but the Itchen lead was never seriously threatened in the closing stages, with Zoe Saunders and Ellie Kirby forming an effective centre back partnership.

It is the first time that Itchen has entered the ESFA competition, which runs parallel with the British Colleges' National competition which they came very close to winning last season.

Itchen has dominated local college football in recent years and have been Hampshire Ladies champions for the past five years, matching the achievement of the men's teams.

They remain unbeaten in all 11-a-side competitions this year, but face a stern test in the semi-final against a strong Solihull College team.

They beat SEEVIC without Jodie Brett, Laura Rafferty and Atlanta Primus, all of whom could also miss the Midlands trip.



**ONE STEP AHEAD:** Itchen's Meg Richmond, right, wins the ball in midfield.

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### Ton-derful Saints

**SOUTHAMPTON** Saints' under-16s reached the 100-goal milestone in only their ninth league game of the season after hammering Alderbury 19-0.

The writing was on the wall for Alderbury as early as the first minute when Eilidh Currie and Elle Pearce combined for Issy Glover to finish well from close range.

Currie grabbed a hat-trick before Pearce scored her first.

Millie Peake broke through the offside trap to net Saints' sixth and further goals arrived before half-time from Belinda Villa, Glover (2) and Pearce.

Second-half goals were scored by Hannah Richards (2), Currie (2), Villa (2), Pearce, Glover, and Charlotte Cockram.

Manager's player of the match went to centre back Charlie Hall, pictured above.



Saints U14s 14 Alresford Town 0 After missing a great chance, Leah Brown put Saints on the road to a comfortable victory.

Debutante Georgia Knight scored the second before Ellie Russell finished off a lovely cross from Abbie Kill.

Maisie Steggles beat two defenders and the goalkeeper to score Saints' fourth just before half-time.

Alresford tried their best but Emily Herding, in goal for Saints, was in good form.

Alisha Buckingham scored twice before Leah Lacey, after a powerful run from halfway, went past two defenders to make it 7-0.

Brown and Steggles went on to complete second-half hat-tricks, but the goal of the game was Knight's first time volley - her second of the game.

Manager's player of the match went to Leah Brown.

Wyvern U12s 0 Saints 11 Saints, still lacking a permanent keeper, played Kia Anteney in the first half and Chloe Hussey in the second against a physical Wyvern. Jennifer King opened the scoring from Grace Jenman's through ball before Chloe Hussey cut inside to net.

Lisa Gilham set up Jenman to make it 3-0 and Arabella Suttie's rocket shot extended the lead.

Jenman got another before half-time thanks to a pass from Suttie.

Saints' defence of Hannah Burroughs, Sian Bradbeer and Manisha Kaur looked strong, maintaining possession when in their own half.

When Hussey went in goal for the second half, Anteney played her normal position of centre mid-field.

King grabbed three more goals - two of them after Anteney shots had been parried.

Anteney and Beth Turner also netted before Jenman hit the final goal.

Manager's player of the game went to Jenman. The opposition's player of the game went to four-goal King.

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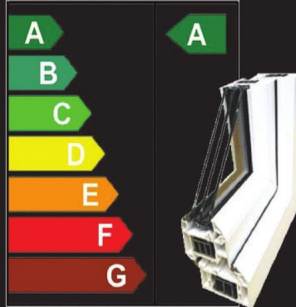


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# MINI-LEAGUE

**STONEHAM Park, Eastleigh was the place for Sunday morning football action as the Eastleigh and District Mini League got into full swing.**

Teams lining up for the camera were FC Salisbury United (blue), AFC Hiltingbury Harriers and Hawks (red with arrowed flashes), Alresford Town FC (black and white stripes), Baddesley Park Knights (red, white and blue), Hedge End Youth Jets (red and black hoops) and Oakwood Youth Dynamos (claret and blue stripes).

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# Horse Racing

## EDUARD TO CLAIM CARLISLE PRIZE

**EDUARD can banish memories of an unfortunate chasing debut when he returns to Carlisle for the Happy Birthday Courtney Walton Novices' Chase.**

Trained in nearby Greystoke by Nicky Richards, the five-year-old gained plenty of admirers in his hurdling days, during which time he finished second in a Grade Two.

But chasing was always going to be his strong suit, and Eduard very nearly made the perfect start within that sphere over course and distance in October.

Richards' inmate jumped swiftly and efficiently for most of the two-mile journey, but it then went badly wrong when he made an almighty howler at the second-last.

Eduard creditably responded with purpose, but by then the winner, the very useful Pendra, had already flown.

Had he not committed that gaffe, the imposing gelding could feasibly have claimed the scalp of a horse who has since won again with the minimum of fuss.

A powerful, scopey individual, Eduard will be unfazed by whatever the ground is like at Cumbria over the weekend and can take this en route to bigger prizes.

There are races to be won with Frankie's Promise, who can be recognised as a danger to all in the 32Red.com EBF "National Hunt" Novices' Hurdle.

The Nick Alexander-trained five-year-old unseated his jockey on his hurdling debut at Kelso in October, but turned in a much-improved display at Ayr.

Frankie's Promise again jumped a little scratchily, but there was quite a bit to take from his staying-on third over two miles.

The decision to step him up in trip by nearly half a mile looks wise given previous exploits, which will have given him a

### SELECTIONS

**CARLISLE:** 12.20 Frankie's Promise, 12.50 EDUARD (NAP), 1.20 Blades Lad, 1.55 Harouet, 2.25 Omid, 3.00 Amore Mio, 3.30 Dickie Henderhoop.

**FAIRYHOUSE:** 12.10 Clarcam, 12.40 Minella Foru, 1.10 Don Cossack, 1.45 Victrix Gale, 2.15 Jezki, 2.50 Prosperity Square, 3.20 Value At Risk.

**LEICESTER:** 1.00 Daymar Bay, 1.30 Lac Sacre, 2.05 Nom De Guerre, 2.35 Favorite Girl, 3.10 Bally Lagan, 3.40 Royal Regatta.

**DOUBLE:** Eduard and Favorite Girl.

more streetwise demeanour for his third try over hurdles.

Soft ground will not be an issue, either.

Amore Mio can add to the not inconsiderable gains accrued at Ayr by winning the PPM The Property Maintenance People Handicap Hurdle.

Lucinda Russell has done a good job with this eight-year-old since he switched yards a year ago, with his four-and-a-half-length victory in Scotland last time the highlight.

Amore Mio bumped into a willing rival in Hartforth that day, but he showed plenty of resolution to regain the initiative and win going away.

A 7lb rise in the weights is hardly a disaster for a horse who still has room with which to manoeuvre in the handicap – especially if his chase form is factored into the equation.

Favorite Girl is a confident pick on a difficult-looking card at Leicester.

The five-year-old mare looked revitalised for a break on her seasonal bow at

Market Rasen, where she finished second to Wily Fox in a decent handicap hurdle over two miles and three furlongs.

Michael Appleby's representative was admittedly comprehensively outgunned by the winner, but she matched James Eustace's charge stride for stride before she grew a little leg weary along the run-in.

Favorite Girl should be a lot sharper for the experience in the Billy Beighton Loved Racing Memorial Handicap Hurdle and will almost certainly appreciate the drop in trip.

Daymar Bay is the stand-out contender vying for top honours in the Pat, Ken And Tom Memorial Novices' Limited Handicap Chase.

The seven-year-old gelding made a good impression on his chasing bow at Ludlow when a close-up second behind Oyster Shell, who had already had the benefit of a spin over fences.

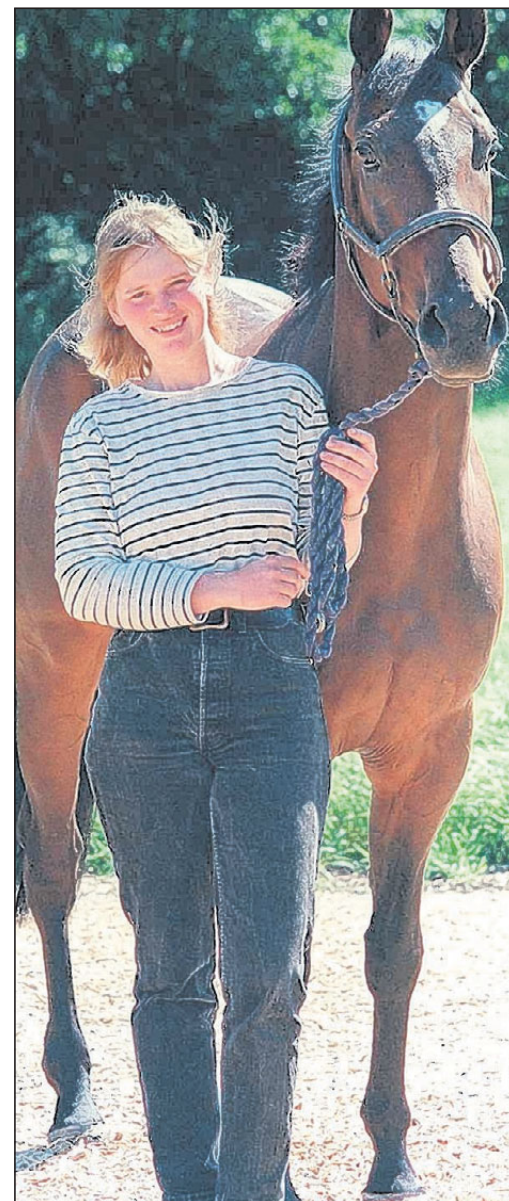
Emma Lavelle's gelding has gone up 5lb for this, but he boasts a most attractive profile for horse his age.

A cracking card at Fairyhouse in Ireland should see Jezki further bolster his Champion Hurdle claims by winning the Bar One Racing Hatton's Grace Hurdle.

Jessica Harrington's three-times Grade One scorer did well to win a deeply unsatisfactory renewal of the WKD Hurdle last time and is open to limitless improvement this winter.

Don Cossack was vanquished by the high-calibre Morning Assembly at Punchestown, but the return to two and a half miles can reignite connections' optimism in the Bar One Racing Drinmore Novice Chase.

Trainer Eddie Harty has been at pains to play down the talents of the unbeaten Minella Foru, but his moderation will surely need a reassessment if he does what is expected of him in the Bar One Racing Royal Bond Novice Hurdle.



**FAVOURITE:** Emma Lavelle's gelding, Daymar Bay, is the favourite for the Pat, Ken And Tom Memorial Novices' Limited Handicap Chase at Leicester.

### CARLISLE

Going: . Hurdle: Soft; Chase: Good to Soft-Soft in places

**12.20 32RED.COM E.B.F. 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (QUALIFIER) (CLASS 4). £6,750 added 4 to 6YO 2m 3f 110yds Penalty Value £4,386.**

1	P130-1	MOSS CLOUD (IRE) (16) D McCain 6 11 5	J Maguire
2	F/31	VINNY GAMBINI (IRE) (43) Mrs R Dobbin 6 11 5	K Renwick
3	140-00	BRIGHTON ROAD (IRE) (29) R M Smith 6 10 12	B Harding
4	0	CALDEW LAD (IRE) (16) F Murtagh 5 10 12	H Brooke
5	1-0430	CROWN AND GLORY (IRE) (38) Mrs K Tutty 6 10 12	P Buchanan
6	311-U3	FRANKIE'S PROMISE (IRE) (29) N Alexander 5 10 12	Lucy Alexander
7	3333-0	L'EMINENCE GRISE (IRE) (22) M Barnes 6 10 12	S Mulqueen (7)
8	000P/9	NATIVE OPTIMIST (IRE) (22) Mrs S Walton 6 10 12	Miss C Walton (5)
9		PAIRIE LAD A M Thomson 5 10 12	R Mania

**BETTING:** 5-4 Moss Cloud, 5-2 Frankie's Promise, 4-1 Vinny Gambini, 14-1 Brighton Road, 16-1 L'Eminence Grise, 20-1 Crown And Glory, 25-1 Prairie Lad, 50-1 Native Optimist, Caldwell Lad.

**12.50 HAPPY BIRTHDAY COURTNEY WALTON NOVICES' CHASE (CLASS 3). £11,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £7,148.**

1	561-01	MWALESHI (15) (C/D) Mrs S Smith 8 11 6	R Mania
2	010-41	YESUYOU CAN (IRE) (16) (C/D) B Ellison 8 11 6	J Reveley
3	0/360	CALL OF DUTY (IRE) (F8) Mrs D Sayer 8 11 0	C McCormack (5)
4	3124-2	EDUARD (IRE) (38) (C/D) N Richards 5 11 0	B Harding
5	5110-6	HUNTERS BELT (IRE) (F00) D F Murtagh 9 11 0	H Brooke
6	4P24-5	RUPERT BEAR (32) (C/D) J Walton 7 11 0	Miss C Walton (5)

**BETTING:** 11-8 Eduard, 9-4 Yesyoucan, 11-4 Mwaleshi, 16-1 Hunters Belt, 25-1 Rupert Bear, 33-1 Call Of Duty.

**1.20 JOHN MCARTHUR EDMUNDSON'S RETIREMENT NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £6,750 added 4YO PLUS 2m 1f Penalty Value £4,386.**

1		BADEA (F71) M Todhunter 4 10 12	D O'Regan
2	F23-2	BLADES LAD (51) P Niven 4 10 12	K Renwick
3	0	CHOISAN (IRE) (16) T Easterby 4 10 12	D Costello
4	0-60	GILANTO (IRE) (18) M Blake 6 10 12	N Schofield
5	U0/54	HEART DANCER (FR) (22) S Shirley-Beavan 7 10 12	F Keniry
6	322	KNIGHTLY ESCAPEDE (16) B Ellison 5 10 12	J Reveley
7	11-	MEADOWCROFT BOY (225) A Whillans 4 10 12	E Whillans (3)
8	0-0	MOHEEBB (IRE) (58) R Johnson 9 10 12	K Johnson
9	0	MIR SELBY (56) N Richards 4 10 12	B Harding
10	0-0634	TCHATCHACO YA YA (23) N Richards 6 10 12	J Maguire

**BETTING:** 7-4 Blades Lad, 5-2 Knightly Escapade, 7-2 Meadowcroft Boy, 12-1 Badea, 14-1 Mir Selby, 16-1 Heart Dancer, 20-1 Choisan, 25-1 Tchatchaco Ya Ya, 50-1 others.

**1.55 CARLISLE RACECOURSE ANNUAL MEMBERS HANDICAP CHASE (SUNDAY 5K BONUS RACE) (CLASS 3). £12,500 added 4YO PLUS 3m 2f Penalty Value £8,122.**

1	3411P-	SAFRAN DE COTTE (FR) (256) (BF) H Daly 7 11 12	J Greenall (3)
2	10PP-1	HAROUET (FR) (51) (CD) P Bowen 8 11 12	J Moore
3	1F1F2-	ISLA PEARL FISHER (238) (C) N Alexander 10 11 6	Lucy Alexander
4	10P-51	HERDSMAN (IRE) (18) Mrs S Smith 8 11 5	R Mania

**5 /P31-3**  
44-611  
/P-P42

**BETTING:** 5-2 Tutchee, 9-2 Safran De Cotte, 5-1 Harouet, 6-1 Herdsman, 13-2 Frank The Slink, 7-1 Isla Pearl Fisher, 8-1 Fiddlers Reel.

**2.25 PPM THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PEOPLE HANDICAP HURDLE (DIV 1) (CLASS 4). £4,800 added 4YO PLUS 3m 1f Penalty Value £3,038.**

1	3/113-	GREY AREA (IRE) (221) Tristan Davidson 8 11 12	Mr T Davidson (7)
2	213P-F	MADAM LILIBET (IRE) (19) Mrs S Watt 4 11 10	J Palmowski (7)
3	5515-0	TORRENTIAL RAINE (35) M Blake 5 11 9	N Schofield
4	110-32	NICENE CREED (18) (C) Mrs S Loeft 8 11 8	J Maguire
5	1-13P0	BALLYREESODE (IRE) (24) S Corbett 8 11 5	S Mulqueen (7)
6	30-001	MAGGIE BLUE (IRE) (16) Mrs H Graham 5 11 4	Mr J Hamilton (7)
7	300-12	HARTFORTH (29) D Whillans 5 10 10	C Whillans (5)
8	3-5002	BRAE ON (IRE) (23) G Bewley 5 10 8	D Bewley (7)
9	2/064	OMID (19) Mrs S Slack 5 10 6	H Brooke
10	-05634	RECKLESS ROMEO (IRE) (97) R Ford 4 10 0	Mr T Greenwood (7)

**BETTING:** 11-4 Hartforth, 7-2 Brae On, 4-1 Nicene Creed, 13-2 Maggie Blue, 8-1 Grey Area, 12-1 Madam Lilibet, 16-1 Torrential Raine, 20-1 Omid, Ballyreesode, 25-1 Reckless Romeo.

**3.00 PPM THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PEOPLE HANDICAP HURDLE (DIV 2) (CLASS 4). £4,800 added 4YO PLUS 3m 1f Penalty Value £3,038.**

1	/53-41	AMORE MIO (G29) (29) (D) Miss L Russell 8 11 12	P Buchanan
2	56-415	BIG SOUND (19) T Wallford 6 11 9	D Costello
3	3-5620	GULF PUNCH (53) (D) D McCain 6 11 9	J Maguire
4	2042P1	L'LL BE FRANK (50) M Barnes 8 11 8	S Mulqueen (7)

### Sunday's runners

**5 06-345**  
6 /65-04  
7 50P-65  
8 P0322-  
9 62200-

**BETTING:** 5-2 Amore Mio, 4-1 I'll Be Frank, 5-1 See The Legend, 6-1 Gulf Punch, 8-1 Big Sound, 10-1 Tiny Dancer, 14-1 Mini The Minx, Danebrook Lad, 16-1 Yukon Delta.

**3.30 32RED CASINO AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP HURDLE (JOCKEY CLUB GRASSROOTS JUMPS SERIES QUALIFIER) (CLASS 4). £5,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 3f 110yds Penalty Value £3,120.**

1	1205-0	MOSCOW PRESENTS (IRE) (24) P Kirby 5 11 12	Mr P Dennis (7)
2	542-22	DESGREY (23) (BF) P Niven 5 11 11	Mr J Hamilton (3)
3	0P-0P1	MAKHZOON (USA) (4) N Alexander 9 11 7	Mr K Alexander (5)
4	122P/P	CAERLAVEROCK (IRE) (19) (D) Mrs R Dobbin 8 11 3	Mr T Harper (7)
5	521555	GRANARUID (IRE) (31) (D) Mrs A C Hamilton 10 11 3	Mr T Hamilton (7)
6	-11332	MOMKINZAIN (USA) (51) Miss L Russell 6 11 0	Miss R McDonald (7)
7	46-5F1	DICKIE HENDERHOOP (IRE) (20) (CD) Mrs L Normie 8 10 12	Mr R Wilson (7)

8	F-PF56	DANCEINTOTHELIGHT (15) (D) M Hammond 6 10 11	Miss Becky Smith (5)
9	3600-F	KNIGHT VALLIANT (192) (CD) Mrs B Butterworth 10 10 6	Miss E Butterworth (7)
10	203/00	HOBSONS BAY (IRE) (180) Mrs S Walton 8 10 0	Miss C Walton
11	P-0540	CIGALAS (89) Mrs J McGregor 8 10 0	Miss A McGregor (7)

**BETTING:** 11-4 Momkinzain, 7-2 Dickie Henderhoop, 4-1 Desgrey, 5-1 Makhzoon, 10-1 Knight Valliant, 14-1 Danceintothelight, Moscow Presents, 20-1 Caerlaverock, 25-1 others.



Horse Racing

LEICESTER

Going: Chase: Good to Firm-Good places; Hurdle: Good to Soft-Good places; Good to Soft on Flat crossings

1.00 PAT, KEN AND TOM MEMORIAL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (SUNDAY 5K BONUS RACE) (CLASS 3). £10,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £6,256.

101	-53331	ZARZAL (IRE) (6) (D) E Williams 5 11 9(7ex) . . . . . P Moloney
102	-06115	DARTFORD WARBLER (IRE) (56) Mrs S Smith 6 11 5 W Hutchinson
103	00-160	LE BACARDY (FR) (18) (A) Carroll 7 11 5 . . . . . L Edwards
104	20-510	CHRISTOPHER WREN (USA) (17) (CD) N Gifford 6 10 11 . T Cannon
105	3002-2	DAYMAR BAY (IRE) (17) (D)(BF) Miss E Lavelle 7 10 9 G Sheehan (3)
106	1546-4	REGAL ONE (IRE) (25) (D) B Bridgwater 5 10 8 . . . . . S Ouilain
107	53/50-	IRONIC (FR) (338) T R George 5 10 6 . . . . . P Brennan
108	3-U315	DRUMLANG (IRE) (17) (D) I Williams 7 10 5 . . . . . Will Kennedy

BETTING: 7-4 Daymar Bay, 5-2 Zarzal, 7-1 Dartford Warbler, 10-1 Ironic, 12-1 Drumleng, Christopher Wren, Le Bacardy, 14-1 Regal One.

1.30 EAST FARNDON SELLING HURDLE (CLASS 5). £3,000 added 4 to 7YO 2m Penalty Value £1,949.

201	623-4F	JUNO THE MUFFINMAN (IRE) (189) (D)(BF) T Vaughan 4 11 8 . . . R
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202	100-02	LAC SACRE (FR) (13) A Carroll 4 11 8 . . . . . L Edwards
203	301311	PERSIAN HERALD (12) (CD) N King 5 11 8 . . . . . T Whelan (3)
204	144250	OUTRAGEOUS REQUEST (29) (D) W Stone 7 11 4 . C Shoemark (6)
205	404-44	A LITTLE BIT DUSTY (13) (D) C Day 5 10 12 . . . A Thornton
206	46-000	DEALING RIVER (25) (D) Mrs C Bailey 6 10 12 . . . R Thornton
207	460-60	DRUMGOOLAND (IRE) (17) Dr R Newland 6 10 12 S Twiston-Davies
208	14-003	ISLANDMAGEE (IRE) (10) (D)(BF) E Williams 6 10 12 . . P Moloney
209	00-00	WATTS UP SON (15) (D) Carroll 5 10 12 . . . . . T Phelan
210	00-00	DUNE ISLAND (17) J Upson 5 10 5 . . . . . G Sheehan (3)

BETTING: 3-1 Juno The Muffinman, 7-2 Outrageous Request, 11-2 Islandmagee, 6-1 Persian Herald, Lac Sacre, 10-1 Dealing River, 12-1 A Little Bit Dusty, 14-1 Drumgooland, 20-1 others.

2.05 JAYNE FERGUSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 4). £10,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 7f 110yds Penalty Value £6,330.

301	6P22-3	BALBRIGGAN (IRE) (21) M Channon 6 11 12 . . . D Elsworth
302	00-412	THE POTTING SHED (IRE) (25) Miss E Lavelle 6 11 12 G Sheehan (3)
303	P41-6	SPANISH OPTIMIST (IRE) (56) (D) T Vaughan 7 11 12 . R Johnson
304	1324-P	TAFIKA (200) (CD)(BF) P Webber 9 11 10 . . . L Treadwell
305	43P-42	BE DEFINITE (IRE) (22) (D) T R George 9 11 9 . . . P Brennan
306	430-U4	HOT WHISKEY (IRE) (18) A King 5 11 9 . . . . . W Hutchinson
307	P42F-2	NOM DE GUERRE (IRE) (13) (C) B De Haan 11 11 4 . . . Jack Doyle

BETTING: 10-3 Balbriggan, 7-2 Nom de Guerre, 9-2 The Potting Shed, 5-1 Be

Definite, 7-1 Hot Whiskey, 8-1 Spanish Optimist, Tafika.

2.35 BILLY BEIGHTON LOVED RACING MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 4). £10,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £6,330.

401	143-	DOVILS DATE (337) (D) T Vaughan 4 11 12 . . . . . R Johnson
402	/02F-P	GREAT VALUE (IRE) (29) (D) G McPherson 8 11 10 . . W Hutchinson
403	000415	HARTSIDE (GER) (15) (D) P Winks 4 11 6 . . . . . Mr R Winks (7)
404	6-2F10	NOCHE DE REYES (FR) (16) T R George 4 11 4 . . . . . P Brennan
405	-P0000	HEURTEVENT (FR) (13) A Carroll 4 11 3 . . . . . L Edwards
406	32P41-	GRATE FELLA (IR) (383) Mrs S Smith 5 11 2 . . . S Twiston-Davies
407	0P-254	WHO'S JEFF (IRE) (25) P Hobbs 5 10 13 . . . . . T J O'Brien
408	0320-2	FAVORITE GIRL (GER) (21) M Appleby 5 10 7 . . . . . R Mahon
409	66-50	STAR PRESENTER (IRE) (56) P Webber 5 10 5 . . . . . P Moloney
410	525/0-	BOLD ADVENTURE (F158) W Musson 9 10 5 . . . . . L Aspell

BETTING: 4-1 Favorite Girl, 9-2 Dovils Date, 5-1 Who's Jeff, 11-2 Grate Fella, 6-1 Hartside, 10-1 Bold Adventure, Noche De Reyes, 12-1 Great Value, 14-1 others.

3.10 CLIPSTON HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 5). £5,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £3,249.

501	-15330	LOGICIAN (IRE) (45) N Twiston-Davies 11 11 12 . S Twiston-Davies
502	6F333U	CRESCENT BEACH (IRE) (83) Harry Oliver 6 11 3 . . . P Brennan
503	PP-PPP	CHAPEL HOUSE (53) (CD) R Harper 10 11 2 . . . . . J Banks (5)

504	06-035	BALLY LAGAN (IRE) (11) R Dickinson 5 11 0 . . . . . C Poste
505	00P-P	MINKIE MOON (IRE) (192) M Clampton 5 10 6 . . . . . G Lavery (7)
506	0000-6	BADB CATHA (IRE) (41) R Curtis 7 10 10 . . . . . D Croose
507	30264A	MAD PROFESSOR (IRE) (12) J Cornwell 10 10 0 . . . J Cornwell (5)
508	45-PFU	KEVIN FANCY (IRE) (20) J Upson 7 10 10 . . . . . G Sheehan (3)

BETTING: 2-1 Crescent Beach, 11-4 Lodgician, 10-3 Bally Lagan, 8-1 Badb Catha, 10-1 Mad Professor, 14-1 Chapel House, 16-1 Minkie Moon, 66-1 Kevin Fancy.

3.40 FERNIE NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £7,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £4,549.

601	P/1-	ROYAL REGATTA (IRE) (35) (D) P Hobbs 5 11 5 . . . . . R Johnson
602	315-	ALLOW DALLOW (IRE) (281) (BF) Jonjo O'Neill 6 10 12 R McLernon
603	341/-	ANSHANTOR (IRE) (603) H Day 7 10 12 . . . . . T J O'Brien
604	1U-450	CADEAU GEORGE (18) (D) S Pauling 4 10 12 . . . . . D Bass
605	0533-0	IN THE GATE (IRE) (10) L Longsdon 5 10 12 . . . . . N Fahilly
606	10-0P	JAZZ MAN (IRE) (47) M Rimell 6 10 12 . . . . . Conor O'Farrell
607	465-45	PURE SCIENCE (IRE) (15) N Twiston-Davies 5 10 12 . . S Twiston-Davies
608	PO-POP	ROSE OF MARRON (IRE) (24) J Upson 6 10 12 . . . G Sheehan (3)
609	01-5	SHINOOKI (IRE) (31) A Hales 6 10 12 . . . . . P Brennan
610	1-	TAKE A BOW (81) N Henderson 4 10 12 . . . . . A Tinkler
611	0-00	SOLSTICE DAWN (15) P Winks 5 10 5 . . . . . Mr R Winks (7)

BETTING: 2-1 Take A Bow, 5-2 Pure Science, 11-4 Royal Regatta, 10-1 Allow Dallow, Anshantor, 14-1 In The Gate, 25-1 Shinooki, 50-1 Cadeau George, 66-1 others.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Going: Standard

12.55 32RED CASINO HANDICAP (AMATEUR RIDERS) (CLASS 6). £3,000 added 3YO PLUS 1m 6f Penalty Value £1,872.

1	100002	FULL SPEED (GER) (16) (CD) P Kirby 8 11 0 . . . Mr P Dennis (5) 10
2	504130	YASIR (USA) (19) C Dore 5 11 0 . . . . . Miss E J Jones 9
3	6-0000	NATURAL HIGH (IRE) (19) S Curran 8 10 13 Miss B Hampson (7) 13
4	031563	CABUCHON (GER) (12) (BF) P Evans 6 10 6 . . . Miss H Doyle (5) 12
5	046-00	ROYAL TROOPER (IRE) (33) (D) W Brisbane 7 10 6 . . . Miss Becky Brisbane (3) 2
6	200-03	HERBALIST (J28) (BF) B Pauling 3 10 5 . . . . . Mr F Mitchell 4
7	360200	ROCK OF AGES (34) M P P Murphy 4 10 4 Mr Michael J Murphy (3) 1
8	256-00	COMPASSION (9) Miss E Lavelle 5 10 3 . . . . . Ms P Feld (7) 6
9	400023	EVERMORE (IRE) (10) (BF) M Johnston 3 10 2 Mr A R Ferguson (5) 5
10	-00000	KING OF WINDSOR (IRE) (1) J Wainwright 6 10 1 . Mr K Wood (7) 3
11	3244-0	WHAT'S UP DOC (IRE) (12) (C) Mrs L Hill 12 9 11 . Mr P Pilley (7) 7
12	362440	WALTER DE LA MARE (IRE) (26) Mrs A Murphy 6 9 10 . . . Miss Jo Mason (3) 8
13	/55-66	WORD OF WARNING (3) P Kirby 9 9 10 . . . . . DOUBTFUL 11

BETTING: 3-4 Cabuchon, 4-1 Full Speed, 5-1 Evermore, 10-1 Compassion, 11-1 Yasir, King Of Windsor, Herbalist, 14-1 Royal Trooper, 16-1 others.

1.25 32RED HANDICAP (CLASS 5). £5,000 added 3YO PLUS 2m 119yds Penalty Value £3,234.

1	631541	EMBSAY CRAG (J20) (D) P Kirby 7 10 0 . . . . . G Lee 1
2	213715	SECRET EDGE (31) A King 5 9 10 . . . . . T Durcan 6

3	403311	MR BURBIDGE (26) (CD) N Mulholland 5 9 9 . . . . . L Morris 4
4	144150	ARASHI (5) D Shaw 7 9 8 . . . . . D Swift 5
5	522005	SCRIBE (IRE) (47) (CD) P Evans 5 9 4 . . . . . G Gibbons 3
6	0-0050	SONG OF THE SIREN (18) (D) O'Meara 5 9 1 . . . . . D Bergin (5) 2

BETTING: 11-10 Mr Burbidge, 2-1 Embsay Crag, 6-1 Secret Edge, 12-1 Song Of The Siren, 20-1 Scribe, Arashi.

1.55 32REDPOKER.COM CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS 6). £3,000 added 2YO only 1m 1f 103yds Penalty Value £1,941.

1	603	KANTARA CASTLE (IRE) (19) R Hannan 9 5 . . . . . T Durcan 6
2	003	MAUPTI EXPRESS (FR) (164) D O'Meara 9 1 . . . . . D Bergin (5) 2
3	54	TECHTYCOON (3) M W Easterby 8 9 . . . . . G Gibbons 7
4	633430	NICE ARTY (IRE) (19) M Channon 8 9 . . . . . D Cremin (7) 1
5	025526	NICE ARTY (IRE) (14) J Osborne 8 9 . . . . . W Carson 8
6	0002	PENARA (9) P Hyde 9 2 . . . . . L Morris 5
7	0000	WORCHARLIE'S SLASS (13) M Harrington 8 2 . . . . . T Dentman 4
8	500000	KITTY BROWN (IRE) (27) P Evans 8 0 . . . . . J Haynes (5) 3

BETTING: 5-2 Penara, 7-2 Kantara Castle, 4-1 Nice Art, 11-2 The Wallace Line, 7-1 Maupti Express, 12-1 Kitty Brown, 14-1 Techtycoon, 25-1 Worcharlie's lass.

2.30 32RED ON THE APP STORE NURSERY (CLASS 6). £3,000 added 2YO only 1m 1f Penalty Value £1,941.

1	004	RAGGED ROBBIN (FR) (11) D Langan 9 7 . . . . . T Durcan 2
2	00032	STAR ANISE (FR) (14) H Dunlop 9 5 . . . . . G Lee 5
3	061133	JAZZY LADY (IRE) (14) (CD) P Evans 9 5 . . . . . G Gibbons 6
4	502211	RURAL AFFAIR (7) (CD) M Appleby 9 5 (6ex) . . . . . L Morris 4

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Going: Standard

2.20 COME JUMP RACING ON BOXING DAY HANDICAP (CLASS 6). £3,000 added 3YO PLUS 1m 2f Penalty Value £1,941.

1	031600	WARDEN BOND (19) W Stone 5 9 7 . . . . . Shelley Birkett (5) 7
2	041030	GUNG HO (FR) (44) A Newcombe 4 9 6 . . . . . L Keniry 4
3	500-82	RED CATKIN (34) (BF) G Margaron 3 9 4 . . . . . R Powell (13) 4
4	560040	DERFENNA ART (IRE) (25) S Durack 4 9 4 . . . . . G Baker 5
5	055535	HAVING A BALL (61) (CD) G Deacon 9 9 4 . . . . . C Catlin 10
6	451522	BINT ALZAIN (IRE) (9) (C) P Phelan 4 9 4 . . . . . A Kirby 12
7	2-4450	BINT ALZAIN (IRE) (9) (C) P Phelan 4 9 4 . . . . . Jemma Marshall (3) 2
8	5-0201	BRAVE DECISION (16) (D) Miss S Smith 6 9 3 . . . . . M Harley 8
9	33-005	QUEEN OF SKIES (IRE) (16) M Appleby 4 9 3 . . . . . A Mullen 1
10	420031	MINSTREL LAD (17) (D) Mrs L Pearce 5 9 3 . . . . . J Crowley 3
11	005000	INTERAKT (11) J Tuttle 6 9 2 . . . . . J Fahy 9
12	504041	ENTRAPPING (34) (D) J Long 3 9 1 . . . . . J Quinn 6
13	020054	FAIR COMMENT (56) M Blanshard 3 9 1 . . . . . D Sweeney 11
14	042650	BEGGERS BELIEF (208) (CD) Miss Z Davidson 5 8 13 R Atkinson (3) 14

BETTING: 9-2 Red Catkin, 11-2 Minstrel Lad, 6-1 Entrapping, 13-2 Sutton Sid, 8-1 Brave Decision, 10-1 Having A Ball, Gung Ho, Derfenna Art, 16-1 others.

2.50 BETVICTOR NON-RUNNER FREE BET CHELTENHAM 2014 CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS 5). £4,000 added 3YO PLUS 7f Penalty Value £2,588.

1	001402	CAPAILL LIATH (IRE) (5) (D) K Ryan 5 9 4 . . . . . J P Spencer 1
2	020616	DECISION BY ONE (13) P Evans 4 9 4 . . . . . A Kirby 6
3	035304	COMRADE BOND (41) (D) M Tompkins 5 9 3 . . . . . L Jones 8
4	40-365	BALDUCCI (108) (D) O'Meara 6 9 1 . . . . . D Nolan 2
5	103100	MR DAVID (USA) (11) (C) J Osborne 6 9 1 . . . . . J Crowley 7
6	410266	OCEAN LEGEND (IRE) (1) (CD8) A Carroll 8 9 1 . . . Joe Doyle (7) 4
7	005040	RAPID WATER (27) (CD) Pat Eddery 7 8 7 . . . . . M Lane 5
8	633000	DAISIE CUTTER (38) G McPherson 3 8 1 . . . . . Elish McCall (7) 3

BETTING: 5-2 Capail Liath, 3-1 Balducci, 9-2 Mr David, 13-2 Ocean Legend, 8-1 Comrade Bond, Decision By One, 20-1 Rapid Water, Daisie Cutter.

3.20 CHELTENHAM 2014 NRRB AT BETVICTOR.COM MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 1) (CLASS 5). £4,000 added 2YO only 1m Penalty Value £2,588.

1	0	ASTROWIRTUE (34) M Tompkins 9 5 . . . . . B A Curtis 4
2	5	AYERS ROCK (IRE) (19) M Trengning 9 5 . . . . . S W Kelly 10
3	0	CLOUDSCAPE (IRE) J Gosden 9 5 . . . . . N Mackay 7
4	0	CURBYOURENTHUSIASM (IRE) (21) D M Simcock 9 5 . . . M Lane 5
5	2	LESHA (IRE) (13) K Ryan 9 5 . . . . . P Spencer 12
6	05	LUCKY JIM (9) C Wall 9 5 . . . . . G Baker 6
7	0	PURPLE SPECTRUM W Haggas 9 5 . . . . . L Jones 3
8	0	SUFRAANEL (IRE) M Botti 9 5 . . . . . M Harley 6
9	5	TOWER POWER (19) (D) Mohammed 9 5 . . . . . A Kirby 2
10	3	TWIN POINT (26) J Stoute 9 5 . . . . . R Havlin 9
11	0	WIGGINS (IRE) (21) R Beckett 9 5 . . . . . J Crowley 11
12	0	MONEYPENNIE (12) M Trengning 9 0 . . . . . M Dwyer 13
13	06	THE CAT (31) N Twiston-Davies 9 0 . . . . . K O'Neill 1

BETTING: 7-2 Leshia, 4-1 Cloudscape, 9-2 Purple Spectrum, 11-2 Twin Point, 8-1 Ayers Rock, 10-1 Lucky Jim, 14-1 Tower Power, 16-1 Sufranel, Curbyoureenthusiasm, 25-1 others.

3.50 CHELTENHAM 2014 NRRB AT BETVICTOR.COM MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 2) (CLASS 5). £4,000 added 2YO only 1m Penalty Value £2,588.

1	0	BISHAN BEDI (IRE) W Jarvis 9 5 . . . . . S Downe 2
2	06	CAPE SUMMIT (21) E Dunlop 9 5 . . . . . A Kirby 7
3	0	DAMASCENE M Botti 9 5 . . . . . M Harley 13
4	0	HOIST THE COLOURS (IRE) D Langan 9 5 . . . . . G Baker 4
5	0	MAIRISE (21) Sr M Stoute 9 5 . . . . . S W Kelly 5
6	4	NEW COLOURS (13) M Trengning 9 5 . . . . . M Dwyer 3
7	0	PURPLE LANE (IRE) (40) D M Simcock 9 5 . . . . . M Lane 9
8	002	ROSKILLY (IRE) (40) A Balding 9 5 . . . . . L Keniry 11
9	4	WARBROOK (IRE) (1) J Gosden 9 5 . . . . . N Mackay 12
10	0	WESTERN HYMN J Gosden 9 5 . . . . . R Havlin 8
11	0	BE MY GAL R Charlton 9 0 . . . . . F Tylicki 1
12	0	CONFITURE M Blanshard 9 0 . . . . . D Sweeney 10
13	0	STILLA AFTON (12) M Trengning 9 0 . . . . . J Crowley 6

BETTING: 4-1 Roskilly, 9-2 Mairise, 7-1 Warbrook, Damascene, 8-1 Western Hymn,

New Colours, 10-1 Purple Lane, Cape Summit, 12-1 others.

4.20 BOOK CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL TICKETS NOW HANDICAP (CLASS 6). £3,000 added 3YO PLUS 1m Penalty Value £1,941.

1	046200	TARTAN TRIP (69) (D) M Appleby 6 9 7 . . . . . A Mullen 13
2	216010	ALL RIGHT NOW (13) A Newcombe 6 9 7 . . . . . M Harley 14
3	006632	WARBOND (61) (CD) M Madgwick 5 9 8 . . . . . G Baker 10
4	435450	STANDING STRONG (IRE) (J40) Miss Z Davidson 5 9 6 R Atkinson (3) 1
5	6460-2	PEARL RANSOM (IRE) (27) Lady Harries 3 9 6 . . . . . R Winston 4
6	265300	LUTINE CHARLIE (IRE) (4) (CD) Pat Eddery 6 9 6 . . . . . M Lane 7
7	2-5305	NELINA (7) R Cowell 3 9 6 . . . . . S W Kelly 8
8	3-2430	PASTORAL JET (238) (CD) R Rowe 5 9 6 . . . . . R Powell (3) 3
9	444150	TAMMUZ (IRE) (18) (CD) A Carroll 3 9 6 . . . . . G Downing (5) 3
10	033311	PRINCESS SPIRIT (47) (CD) E Creighton 4 9 5 Jenny Ferguson (7) 9
11	651660	SAFWAAN (44) M D Squance 6 9 4 . . . . . L Jones 6
12	634241	PRETTY BUBBLES (11) (CD) J R Jenkins 4 9 4 . . . . . F Tylicki 2
13	40-006	NIGHT'S WATCH (13) W Jarvis 3 9 3 . . . . . R Havlin 12
14	006541	SKIDBY MILL (IRE) (12) (D) Mrs L Morgan 3 9 2 . . . J Crowley 11

BETTING: 7-2 Princess Spirit, 9-2 Pretty Bubbles, 6-1 Skidby Mill, 13-2 Warbond, 8-1 Pearl Ransom, 10-1 All Right Now, 12-1 Night's Watch, Nelina, 14-1 others.

4.50 BACK OF THE NET AT BETVICTOR.COM NURSERY (CLASS 5). £4,000 added 2YO only 7f Penalty Value £2,588.

1	21410	HIPZ (IRE) (25) (C) G Baker 9 7 . . . . . J Crowley 3
2	0345	UHOLLAND (23) R Fahy 9 6 . . . . . T Hamilton 4
3	45551	DRIVE ON (IRE) (12) Eve J-Houghton 9 5 . . . . . J Fahy 1
4	410	GO FOR BROKE (21) (CD) R Hannan 9 3 . . . . . K O'Neill 6
5	440320	BONJOUR STEVE (25) J S Moore 9 2 . . . . . L Keniry 2
6	006	EXCEED AND EXCEED (112) G Margaron 9 0 . . . . . M Harley 5

BETTING: 3-1 Drive On, 10-3 Uppholland, 4-1 Go For Broke, 9-2 Exceed And Exceed, 6-1 Hipz, 15-2 Bonjour Steve.

5.20 DOWNLOAD THE BETVICTOR APP NOW HANDICAP (CLASS 4). £7,250 added 3YO

Monday's runners

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**Soton Tyro League standings (do not include this weekend's games)****Under-11 Division 1 East**

P	W	D	L	Pts
AFC Hittingbury Hawks	8	5	1	2
Hythe & Dibden Neons	7	5	1	1
Oakwood Terriers	9	5	1	3
Stoke Park Rangers Black	9	4	2	3
Baddesley Park	8	4	1	3
Pace Pumas	8	4	1	3
Oakwood Harriers	9	3	2	4
Stoke Park Rangers Red	9	2	3	4
Pace Panthers	9	0	0	9

**Division 2 East**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Colden Common Rovers	9	7	0	2
Winchester Youth Blue	10	6	0	4
Sarisbury Sparks Black	8	5	1	2
Sarisbury Sparks White	8	5	1	2
St Francis Knights	9	4	3	2
Soccer4all Lions	8	4	1	3
Bitterne Youth Red	9	3	0	6
Bitterne Youth Black	9	1	0	8
Wyvern Saints	8	1	0	7

**Division 3 East**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Alesford Town	9	7	2	0
Colden Common Rangers	9	7	1	1
Hedge End Rangers Blue	8	5	2	1
Chamberlayne Athletic	10	5	0	5
Botley Village	8	4	1	3
Pirelli Pirates	8	4	0	12
Littleton Juniors Leopards	9	3	0	6
AFC Stoneham	9	1	0	8
City Central	8	0	0	8

**Division 1 West**

P	W	D	L	Pts
AFC Hittingbury Hawks	8	5	1	2
Hythe & Dibden Neons	7	5	1	1
Oakwood Terriers	9	5	1	3
Stoke Park Rangers Black	9	4	2	3
Baddesley Park	8	4	1	3
Pace Pumas	8	4	1	3
Oakwood Harriers	9	3	2	4
Stoke Park Rangers Red	9	2	3	4
Pace Panthers	9	0	0	9

**Division 2 West**

P	W	D	L	Pts
AFC Hittingbury Hawks	8	5	1	2
Hythe & Dibden Neons	7	5	1	1
Oakwood Terriers	9	5	1	3
Stoke Park Rangers Black	9	4	2	3
Baddesley Park	8	4	1	3
Pace Pumas	8	4	1	3
Oakwood Harriers	9	3	2	4
11Stoke Park Rangers Red	9	2	3	4
Pace Panthers	9	0	0	9

**Division 3 West**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Oakwood Saints	9	8	1	0
Wellow Youth Wasps	9	8	0	1
Hythe Strikers Spitfires	8	5	1	2
Romsey Town Panthers	9	5	0	4
Stoke Park Rangers White	9	3	1	5
Fawley Falcons	8	2	1	5
Brendonbushill Youth Black	9	1	2	6
AFC Hittingbury Harriers	9	0	0	9

**Under-12 Division 1**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Eastleigh Juniors Whites	6	5	1	0
Salisbury City	8	3	2	3
Bitterne Youth Blacks	4	3	1	0
Pace Panthers	1	4	1	10
Hedge End Rangers Blue	6	3	0	3
Winchester Youth Black	6	2	1	3
Sportstars	6	1	1	4
Pace Pumas	7	0	1	6

**Division 2**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Southbrook FC	5	5	0	0
Totton & Eling	6	5	0	1
Warsash Wasps	5	2	2	5
Eastleigh Juniors Blue	6	2	1	3
Hamble United Orange	5	2	0	6
Littleton Juniors Lions	8	2	0	6
Sarisbury Sparks Amber	5	0	1	4

**Division 3**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Botley Village	8	6	1	1
Colden Common Rangers	7	4	2	14
Southbrook United	4	4	0	12
Weston Warriors	8	3	1	4
Fleming Park Tigers	6	2	1	3
Hythe & Dibden Vikings	8	2	1	5
Littleton Juniors Leopards	5	2	1	2
Oakwood Red	8	0	1	7

**Division 4**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Bitterne Youth Reds	7	5	1	1
Hamble United Reds	5	5	0	15
Colden Common Royals	8	4	1	3
St Francis Rangers	8	4	1	3
Romsey Town	5	3	0	2
Baddesley Park	6	2	0	4
Testwood United Dragoons	7	1	1	5
Kingsway Colts	8	1	0	7

**Division 5**

P	W	D	L	Pts
AFC Hittingbury Hawks	8	6	1	1
AFC Stoneham	9	6	1	2
Wellow Youth	7	5	1	1
Winsor United Sports	7	4	0	3
Wyvern Youth Dragons	6	4	0	2
BTC Southampton	8	2	1	5
Stoke Park Rangers	8	1	2	5
S & D Youth	9	0	0	9

**Division 6**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Sholing Youth	7	7	0	0
Alesford Town	6	4	0	2
Lakewood Youth	6	4	0	2
Fawley Falcons	8	3	0	5
Hedge End Rangers Red	5	2	0	3
Southside AFC	8	2	0	6
Netley Royals	6	1	0	5

**Under-13 Division 1**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Eastleigh Juniors	6	4	1	1
Hedge End Rangers Blue	6	3	2	1
Stockbridge FC	5	3	2	1
Pace Youth	7	3	3	10
Colden Common Rovers	5	3	0	2
Sholing Youth White	7	3	0	4
Q K Southampton	6	1	0	3
Warsash Wasps	4	0	0	4

**Division 2**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Botley Village	7	4	2	1
Sholing Youth Red	6	4	1	1
Oakwood Panthers	4	4	0	12
Romsey Town Panthers	8	3	2	11
AFC Stoneham Red	5	3	1	10

Hedge End Rangers White	8	2	1	5	7
Colden Common Royals	7	2	0	5	6
City Central	9	1	1	7	4

**Division 3**

P	W	D	L	Pts
St Francis Rangers	6	4	1	1
Colden Common Rangers	6	4	0	2
Baddesley Park	6	3	1	2
Bitterne Youth Blacks	6	2	2	8
Winchester Youth	7	2	2	3
Hythe & Dibden Phoenix	8	1	2	5
Ice Sports	5	1	2	2

**Division 4**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Michelmersham & Timsbury	10	7	0	3
St Francis Rovers	8	7	0	1
Hamble United	8	6	0	2
Oakwood Eagles	8	6	0	2
Winsor United Sports	9	3	1	5
Fair Oak	9	3	0	6
AFC Hittingbury	9	1	2	6
Hythe Strikers	9	0	1	8

**Division 5**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Southside AFC	9	9	0	0
AFC Stoneham Blue	8	5	1	2
Hythe & Dibden Legends	7	5	0	2
Romsey Town Cougars	8	5	0	3
Bitterne Youth Reds	8	4	2	2
Fawley Falcons	9	4	1	4
FC Southampton	1	1	1	4
Rodaway Rovers	9	0	2	7
Sarisbury Sparks	9	0	1	8

**Under-14 Division 1**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Eastleigh Juniors	7	4	0	3
Pace Cougars	5	4	0	1
Q K Southampton	5	4	0	1
Sportstars	6	2	2	5
BTC Southampton	5	2	2	5
Warsash Wasps	4	1	2	1
Oaklands Rangers	6	0	2	4

**Division 2**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Sholing Youth	6	5	0	1
Winchester Youth Black	5	5	0	0
Baddesley Park Crusaders	7	3	1	3
Hedge End Rangers Blue	6	3	1	2
Wellow Youth	7	3	1	3
Hamble United	6	2	0	4
Botley Village	8	1	2	5
Sky Blues	7	1	1	5

**Division 3**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Compton Youth	7	7	0	0
Colden Common Rangers	8	4	3	1
Ice Sports	5	5	1	15
Littleton Juniors Lions	6	4	2	3
Romsey Town Panthers	8	3	2	3
Hythe & Dibden Vipers	8	2	1	5
Oakwood Lions	9	2	1	6
AFC Hittingbury Hawks	7	1	1	5
Crofton Saints Pumas	8	1	1	6

**Division 4**

P	W	D	L	Pts
AFC Stoneham	8	7	0	1
Hythe Strikers	10	7	0	3
Southside AFC	8	6	1	1
Hythe & Dibden Turbos	8	4	2	2
Chamberlayne Athletic	8	4	1	3
Hedge End Rangers White	7	2	2	3
Sarisbury Sparks Amber	9	0	0	9
Sarisbury Sparks Black	8	0	0	8

**Division 5**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Stoke Park Rangers	8	7	0	1
AFC Hittingbury Hurricanes	9	6	2	1
Townhill Lingland	10	5	1	4
AFC Hittingbury Harriers	8	4	2	2
Winsor United Sports	9	4	2	3
Romsey Town Cougars	10	3	1	6
Bitterne Youth	8	2	2	4
S & D Youth	8	2	1	5
Baddesley Park Knights	8	0	1	7

**Under-15 Division 1**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Hedge End Rangers Blue	7	6	0	1
Pace Pumas	7	5	0	2
Wyvern Youth	7	5	0	2
Winchester Youth Black	6	4	0	2
Pirelli Pirates	8	3	1	3
BTC Southampton Nimrods	7	2	0	5
St Francis Rangers	7	2	0	5
Salisbury City	8	0	1	7

**Division 2**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Pace Panthers	7	5	2	0
Hedge End Rangers White	6	5	0	1
Romsey Town Cougars	5	5	0	0
Colden Common Rangers	7	1	1	2
Sarisbury Sparks Amber	9	4	0	5
Warsash Wasps	7	4	0	3
Testwood United	10	2	3	5
AFC Hittingbury Hawks	7	1	0	6
Sarisbury Sparks Black	8	0	0	8

**Division 3**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Townhill Lingland	9	7	2	0
Southside AFC	11	6	3	2
Alesford Town	8	4	1	3
Winchester Youth Blue	8	4	1	3
Hythe & Dibden Jets	6	3	2	1
Q K Southampton	6	3	2	1
AFC Stoneham	7	2	1	4
Oakwood Tigers	8	1	0	7
Totton & Eling	10	0	0	10

**Division 4**

P	W	D	L	Pts
Brookhill Youth	10	8	1	1
Follands FC	9	7	1	2
Michelmersham & Timsbury	8	7	1	0
Botley Village	10	5	1	4
Hythe Strikers Hurricanes	9	4	0	5
Sportstars	6	3	2	1
Netley Royals	9	3	1	5
Wyvern Youth Dragons	10	3	1	6
Brendonbushill Youth	10	1	0	3
Marchwood Rangers	11	1	0	10

**Division 5**

P	W	D	L	Pts
S & D Youth	10	8	1	1
Pirelli Pirates Crusaders	10	7	1	2
Hedge End Rangers Red	8	7	0	1
Winsor United Sports	9	5	0	4
St Francis Rovers	6	4	0	2
Hythe Strikers Spitfires	7	3	0	4
Baddesley Park	8	2	0	6
Romsey Town Panthers	9	2	0	7
Bitterne Youth	11	0	0	11

# Local Cricket Spotlight

**ST CROSS**

**SYMONTIANS IV:** It takes some effort for a club's 4th team to win a championship, but St Cross managed it, taking County Division 4 North by a slender two-point margin from Steep to secure a second consecutive promotion. Big hitting Jack Middleton made 462 runs, with Mark Richards and Mark Cranley each scored 304. Skipper Roly Fowler led from the front with the ball, taking 26 wickets.

**HIGHFIELD:** Playing regularly on arguably the best batting surface in the HCL at Hardmoor enabled the County 3 South winners to rack up the highest number of bonus points. They lost only twice all season and finished comfortably above runners-up Bransgore. Ben Slade (396), Ryan Keary (331), and Francis Batt (325) all made 300-plus runs, while the economical Gere Scott snapped up 25 wickets.



**NEW MILTON:** Were the first ever Hampshire League champions back in 1974. They effectively seized the County Division 2 title three weeks from the end of the season, when favourites Ropley took an unexpected tumble at Rowner. Despite 466-run skipper Steve Watts losing the toss all 14 times, New Milton won 11 of their 14 matches. The Crossley brothers – Dave (306) and Will (278) – batted consistently alongside Joe Prodomo (275). Ben Neal (32



# Local Cricket Spotlight

## Gong time for Hants League cricketers

HAMPSHIRE League cricketers from across the region have been celebrating their successes from the past season, with the triumphant County Division teams collecting their awards from league president Tim Tremlett at the first round of presentation functions in the Robin Smith Suite at the Ageas Bowl.

*Daily Echo* sports writer Mike Vimpany compered the evening, with Tim Tremlett dishing out the prizes.

● Photographs from the Regional Division presentation evenings will appear in next week's *Sport Pink*.

### HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE (COUNTY DIVISIONS 1-4) BEST OF 2013

#### BATTING

Runs	Player	Team	I	NO	HS	Ave
1,103	B Haycock	Waterlooville (C1)	15	3	158*	91.92
816	J Cunningham	Purbrook (C1)	16	3	113*	62.77
756	M Hovey	Bedhampton (C2)	16	4	101*	63
704	G Willoughby	Redlynch (C3N)	14	1	114*	54.15
667	A Gorty	Compton&C (C2)	14	2	130*	55.58
666	I Tanner	Redlynch (C3N)	14	1	131	51.23
631	A O'Neill	Dinton (C4N)	9	2	136*	90.14
616	W Wade	South Wilts (C3N)	14	3	92*	56
612	C Mickan	Ropley (C2)	15	3	94	51
611	J McCoy	Purbrook (C1)	16	2	101	43.64

#### PARTNERSHIPS

254	.....	S Floyd & L Mitchard (Sarisbury v Cadnam, C2)
242	.....	P Hurlie & A Philp (Michelmersh & T v Redlynch & Hale, C3N)
232	.....	B Kneebone & J Dow (Alton v Locks Heath, C1)
227	.....	J Prodomo & D Wheeler (New Milton v Burridge, C2)

#### HIGHEST SCORE

179	.....	R Fraser (Shrewton v St Cross, C1)
175	.....	M Shaw (Portsmouth v Locks Heath, C3S)
173	.....	S Thompson (Hayling Island v Purbrook, C2)
172	.....	S Miller (Overton v Michelmersh & Timsbury, C3N)
167	.....	J Whytehead (OTs & Romsey v Winterslow, C3N)
159	.....	C Board (Rowledge v Fareham & Crofton, C1)
158	.....	B Haycock (Waterlooville v Easton & Martyn Worthy, C1)
156	.....	P Anscombe (Littleton & West Hill v Michelmersh & Timsbury, C3N)
155	.....	R Taylor (St Cross v Ellingham, C1)

#### MOST WICKETS

	Player	Team	O	M	R	Ave
45	C Mickan	Ropley (C1)	138.5	33	486	10.8
39	D Stanciliffe	Rowner (C2)	126.1	19	567	14.54
38	S Hillman	Waterlooville (C1)	132.5	39	331	8.71
38	S Brewer	South Newton (C3N)	131	20	366	9.63
36	L Allen	Michelmersh (C3N)	125.5	17	468	13
35	B Hayward	Wickham (C4S)	119	11	472	13.48
35	G Turner	Compton (C4S)	137	20	510	14.57
34	G Jones	Bransgore (C3S)	105.4	16	463	13.6

#### BEST BOWLING

8-7	.....	L Charrett (VTCC v Compton, C4S)
8-14	.....	A Webb (Portchester v Easton & Martyn Worthy, C1)
7-20	.....	L Johnson (Calmore v Woodgreen, C3S)
7-22	.....	S Hillman (Waterlooville v Easton & Martyn Worthy, C1)
7-26	.....	A Neal (Basingstoke & NH v Redlynch & Hale, C3N)

HIGHEST TOTAL	.....	475-4 (Shrewton v St Cross, C1)
LOWEST TOTAL	.....	40 (Easton & Martyn Worthy v Portchester, C1)

### PICTURES BY JAMES NEWELL

**LONGPARISH:** Led County Division 3 North for the bulk of the season, but had an unwanted late wobble when runners-up Basingstoke & North Hants III beat them by two runs in their penultimate match. But, with 11 wins from 13 completed matches, they emerged comfortable champions. Teenager Will de Cani continued his promise with 528 runs, while besides taking 20 wickets, Ben Gardner played several fine knocks as the season came to its climax. Paul Blackmore, with 352 runs, and Justin Jackman (248) batted consistently, with 24-wicket Matthew Jackson lead bowler.



**WATERLOOVILLE:** Completed a clean sweep, winning the County Division 1 title with an unblemished 14-match record – the first club since Liss in 2009 to win all their games. South African left-hander Byron Haycock piled up a towering 1,087 runs, Alex Sheppard made 483, and Sam Hillman took 37 wickets.



**ABOVE:** The Stan Foster Trophy for the most improved ground of the year went to Petersfield, whose enjoyed significant assistance from the local town council in their endeavours to enhance their tree-lined ground at The Heath.

**RIGHT:** Woodgreen pair David Parker and Karen Smith won the Julie Gibson Trophy for achieving a 100 per cent record of providing umpires and scorers in their County 3 South matches this season.



Bedhampton's Martyn Hovey won the County Division 2 batting award, scoring 756 runs.



Waterlooville's Sam Hillman was the lead County Division 1 bowler, with 38 wickets, including a 7-22 return against Easton & Martyn Worthy.



Steve Brewer of South Newton took 38 wickets to win the CD3N bowling award.



**FOLLANDS:** Celebrated a championship double, with their 1st XI pipping Fawley II to the County Division 4 title on the final day of the season, and the second team lifting the Regional 3 South East crown by one point from Friends.

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## Barclays Premier League

A. Villa	0	Sunderland	0
HT 0-0		Att 33,036	
Cardiff	0	Arsenal	3
		Ramsey 29,90	
		Flamini 86	
		Att 27,948	
HT 0-1			
Everton	4	Stoke	0
Deulofeu 45			
Coleman 49			
Oviedo 58			
Lukaku 79			
HT 1-0		Att 35,513	
Newcastle	L	W.B.A.	L
HT L-L			
Norwich	1	Crystal P.	0
Hooper 30			
HT 1-0		Att 26,851	
West Ham	3	Fulham	0
Diane 47			
C Cole 82			
J Cole 88			
HT 0-0		Att 34,946	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Arsenal	13	5	0	1	13	5	5	1	1	14	5	31
Liverpool	12	5	0	1	13	3	2	3	1	11	10	24
Chelsea	12	5	1	0	14	5	2	2	2	7	5	24
Everton	13	4	3	0	13	6	2	3	1	8	7	24
Man City	12	6	0	0	26	2	1	1	4	8	10	22
SAINTS	12	4	2	0	11	2	2	2	2	4	5	22
Man Utd	12	3	2	1	8	5	3	1	2	12	10	21
Newcastle	12	3	2	1	9	6	3	0	3	8	11	20
Spurs	12	3	1	2	5	5	3	1	2	4	7	20
A. Villa	13	2	1	4	6	9	2	3	1	7	5	16
Swansea	12	1	3	2	11	13	3	0	3	6	5	15
W.B.A.	12	2	2	2	8	6	1	4	1	6	8	15
Hull	12	3	2	1	4	2	1	0	5	5	13	14
Norwich	13	3	2	2	8	7	1	0	5	3	16	14
West Ham	13	2	1	4	8	10	1	3	2	4	4	13
Stoke	13	2	3	1	5	3	1	1	5	7	15	13
Cardiff	13	2	2	3	7	10	1	2	3	4	10	13
Fulham	13	1	1	4	6	11	2	0	5	5	13	10
Sunderland	13	2	0	4	6	10	0	2	5	2	14	8
Crystal P.	13	1	1	4	4	10	1	0	6	3	12	7

## SkyBet Championship

Barnsley	0	Birmingham	3
		Caddis 13,22 pen	
		Zigic 37	
		Att 10,077	
HT 0-3			
Blackburn	1	Leeds Utd.	0
Spurr 45			
HT 1-0		Att 20,267	
Blackpool	2	Sheff Wed	0
Fuller 6			
Gosling 73			
HT 1-0		Att 14,452	
CHERRIES	1	Brighton	1
Ritchie 29		Barnes 55	
HT 1-0		Att 9,870	
Charlton	0	Ipswich	1
		Smith 5	
HT 0-1			
Doncaster	2	Q.P.R.	1
Robinson 48		Austin 43	
Quinn 89			
HT 0-1		Att 8,854	
Huddersfld.	2	Burnley	1
Norwood 50		Ings 84	
Vaughan 55 pen			
HT 0-0		Att 17,390	
Leicester	3	Millwall	0
Dyer 12			
Verdy 52,55			
HT 1-0		Att 21,633	
Middlesbro	1	Bolton	0
Leadbitter 82 pen			
HT 0-0		Att 23,679	
Watford	0	Yeovil	3
		Webster 45	
		Miller 53	
		Edwards 90	
		Att 15,263	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Leicester	17	7	1	1	16	8	5	1	2	13	8	38
Burnley	17	5	3	0	15	4	5	2	2	14	9	35
Q.P.R.	17	7	1	0	11	2	3	4	2	8	8	35
Blackpool	17	5	3	1	12	7	3	4	1	10	8	31
Reading	17	4	4	0	14	7	3	3	3	12	13	28
Nottm For	17	4	3	2	14	10	3	3	2	10	17	28
Leeds Utd	17	5	1	2	14	7	3	1	5	10	13	26
Derby City	16	2	3	3	13	14	5	1	2	17	9	25
Brighton	17	3	3	2	13	9	3	4	2	7	6	25
Watford	17	3	2	4	13	14	3	3	2	14	10	23
Ipswich	17	4	1	3	13	8	2	4	3	9	14	23
Huddersfld	17	4	3	2	16	12	2	1	4	7	9	23
Blackburn	17	5	2	2	12	5	1	3	4	9	14	23
Wigan	15	4	3	1	12	8	2	1	4	5	5	22
Middlesbro	17	3	5	1	18	11	1	2	5	9	15	19
Bolton	17	1	5	2	9	9	3	2	4	8	13	19
CHERRIES	17	4	1	4	12	12	1	3	4	10	20	19
Doncaster	17	4	1	4	11	13	1	3	4	5	14	19
Birmingham	17	2	2	4	11	8	3	1	5	10	15	18
Charlton	17	2	3	4	7	9	2	2	4	7	11	17
Millwall	17	3	2	3	11	12	1	3	5	8	22	17
Yeovil	17	1	1	6	4	10	2	5	2	9	14	12
Sheff Wed	16	1	3	3	11	11	0	5	4	7	16	11
Barnsley	17	2	4	3	10	19	0	1	7	6	16	11

## SkyBet League One

Crewe	1	Crawley	0
Aneke 81			
HT 0-0		Att 4,001	
Leyton O.	1	Sheff Utd.	1
Cox 82		Coady 67	
HT 0-0		Att 6,586	
M K Dons	1	Coventry	3
Williams 45 pen		Dagnall 66	
		Maguire 86,90	
		Att 14,988	
HT 1-0			
Notts Cnty	0	Brentford	1
		Grigg 44	
HT 0-1		Att 5,132	
Peterboro	1	Wolves	0
Bostwick 79			
HT 0-0		Att 8,170	
Preston	1	Bristol C.	0
King 33			
HT 1-0		Att 8,803	
Rotherham	4	Gillingham	1
Dicko 9		McDonald 66	
Agard 23			
Pringle 35			
Tavernier 76			
HT 3-0		Att 7,152	
Stevenage	1	Shrewsbury	3
Zako 24		Reach 35	
		Eaves 38	
		Jacobson 51	
		Att 2,675	
HT 1-2			
Swindon	3	Carlisle	1
Luongo 36		O Hanlon 69	
Pritchard 72			
N. Guessan 90			
HT 1-0		Att 7,671	
Tranmere	2	Colchester	1
Lowe 32,56 pen		Morrison 90	
HT 1-0		Att 4,148	
Walsall	0	Port Vale	2
		Pope 20	
		Tomlin 66	

HT 1-2										Att 2,675
<b>Swindon</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>Carlisle</b>						<b>1</b>	
Luongo 36										O Hanlon 69
Pritchard 72										
N Guessan 90										
HT 1-0										Att 7,671
<b>Tranmere</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>Colchester</b>							
Lowe 32,56 pen										Morrison 90
HT 1-0										Att 4,148
<b>Walsall</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>Port Vale</b>						<b>2</b>	
										Pope 20
										Tomlin 66

HT 0-1	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Leyton O	19	6	2	1	18	7	2	1	2	14	10	43	
Wolves	19	7	2	1	18	5	6	2	1	14	6	43	
Preston	19	4	5	1	14	10	6	2	1	14	7	37	
Brentford	19	6	1	2	16	7	5	3	2	13	12	37	
Peterboro	19	6	1	3	10	8	5	1	3	18	10	35	
Rotherham	19	3	5	2	15	14	5	2	2	16	9	31	
Swindon	19	7	1	2	24	13	2	2	5	11	12	30	
Port Vale	19	4	2	3	13	13	5	0	5	15	29		
Bradford	18	4	3	2	19	10	3	4	2	12	10	28	
Walsall	19	3	2	4	9	12	4	4	2	11	6	27	
Coventry	19	6	1	3	23	22	4	3	2	18	12	24	
M K Dons	18	5	2	3	18	14	1	2	5	10	15	22	
Shrewsbury	19	4	4	2	12	7	1	3	5	9	15	22	
Crawley	19	4	3	3	10	11	1	4	4	9	13	22	
Oldham	17	3	2	2	8	6	3	1	6	14	18	21	
Colchester	19	3	3	3	10	11	1	6	3	11	15	21	
Gillingham	19	4	2	4	12	12	2	1	6	12	20	21	
Carlisle	19	3	2	4	11	19	2	4	4	8	13	21	
Tranmere	19	2	3	4	12	21	3	2	5	11	13	20	
Sheff Utd	19	3	3	3	11	10	1	2	7	6	17	17	
Stevenage	19	2	1	6	10	17	3	1	6	9	15	17	
Crewe	19	3	3	4	10	17	1	1	7	5	23	16	
Bristol C	19	1	5	4	11	15	1	4	4	15	17	15	
Notts Cnty	19	3	0	6	11	11	0	2	8	7	22	11	

\* Coventry deducted 10 points for entering administration

## SkyBet League Two

Bristol R	3	AFC Wimbledon	0
Clarkson 19			
Parkes 31			</